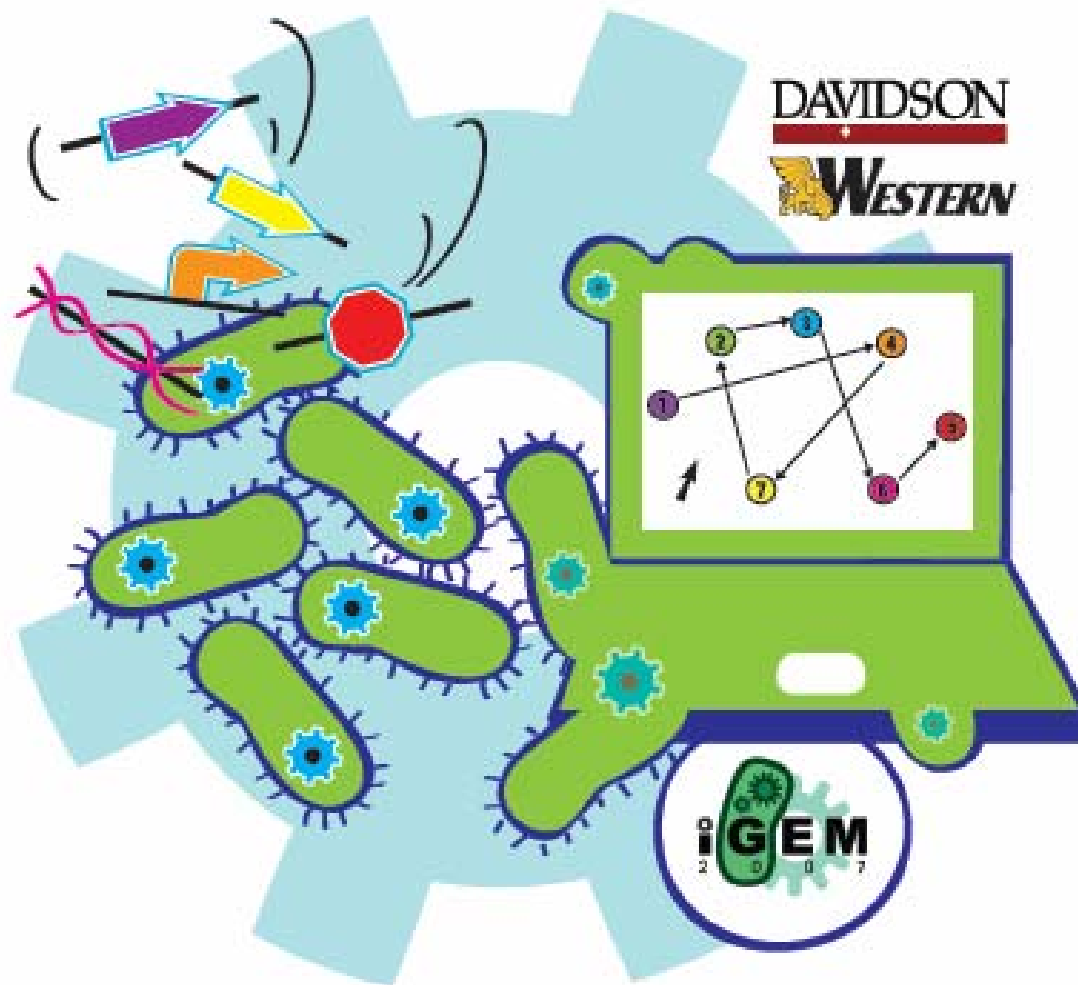
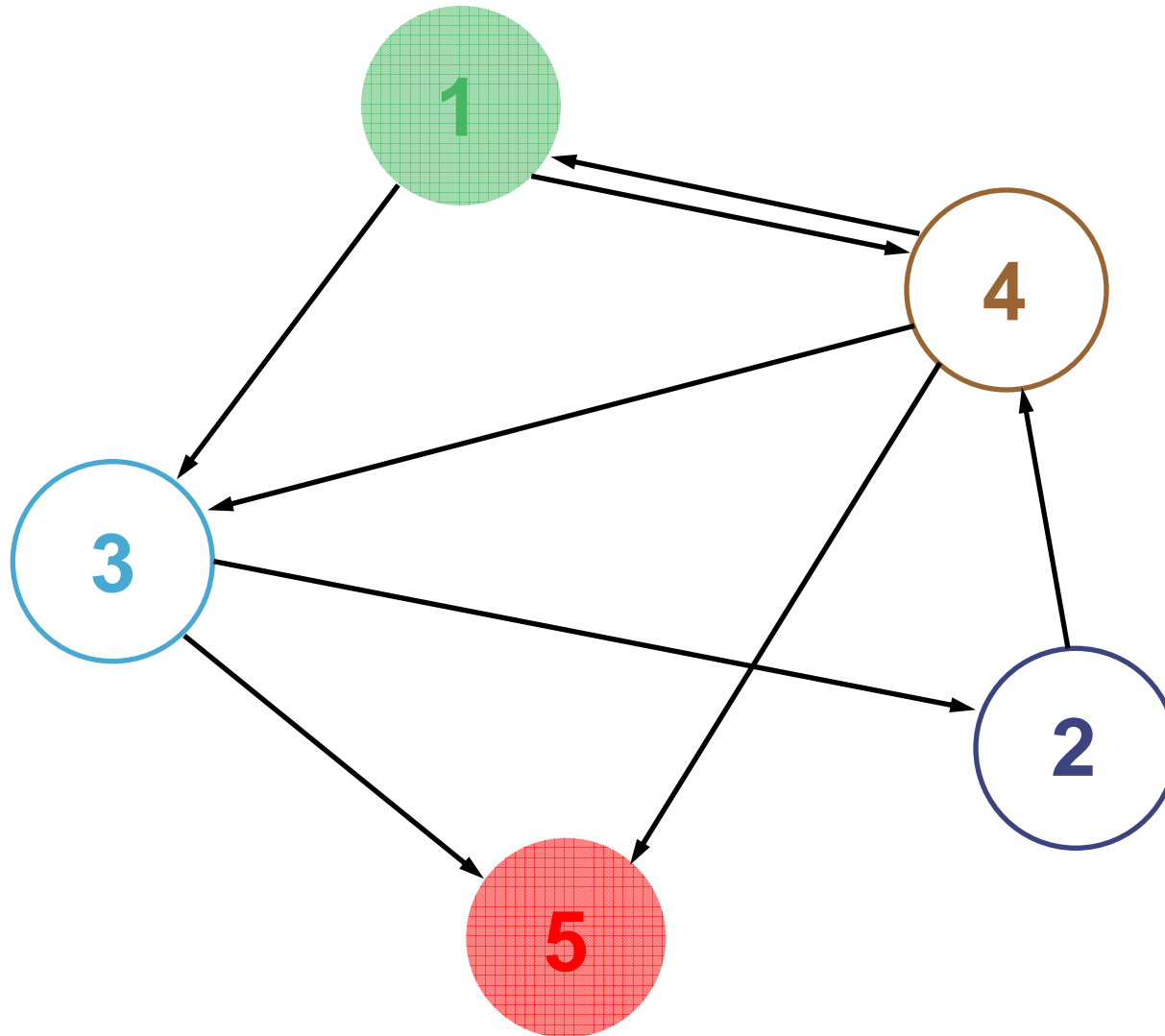


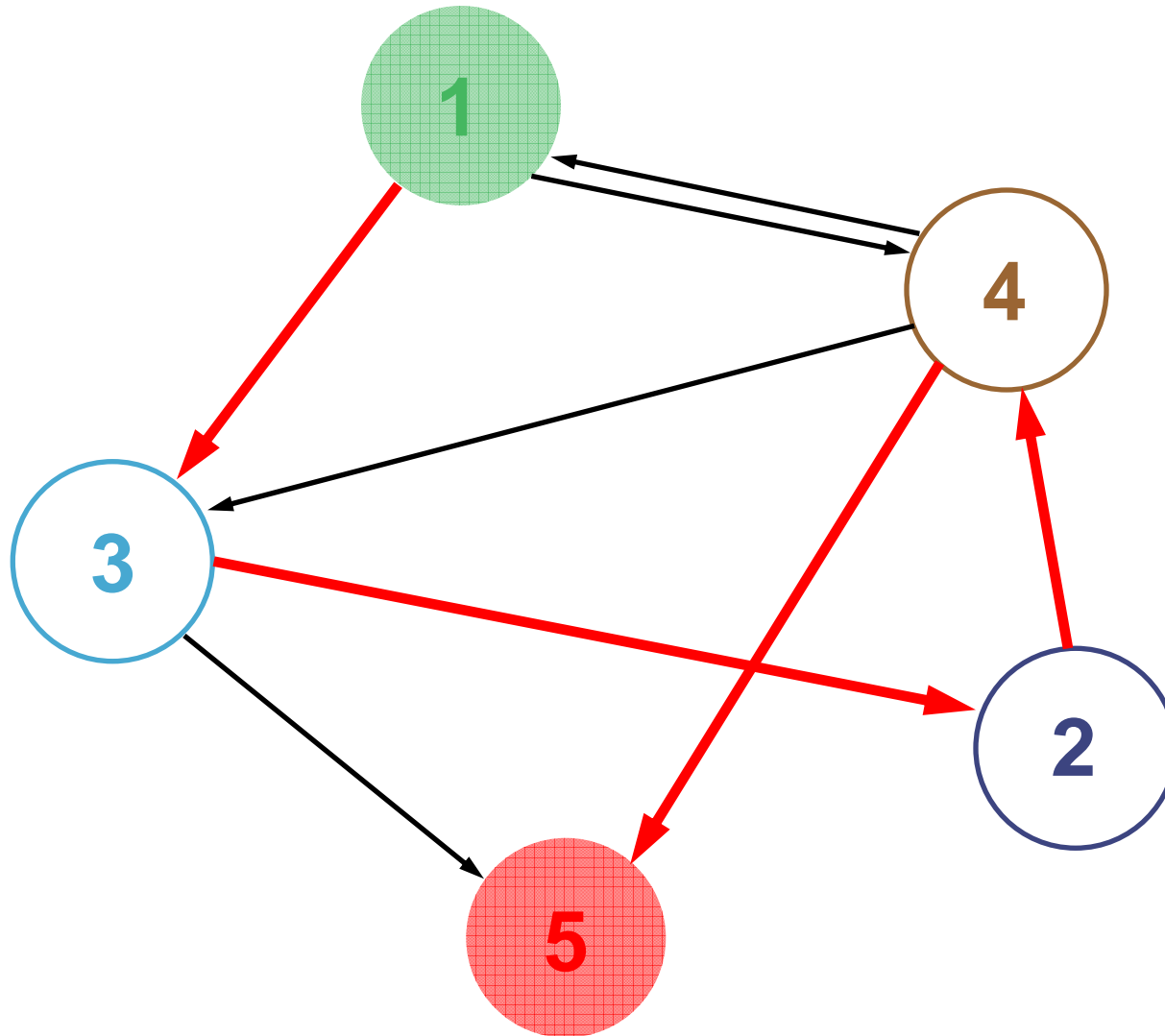
Solving the Hamiltonian Path Problem with Living Hardware



The Hamiltonian Path Problem



The Hamiltonian Path Problem



Advantages of Bacterial Computation

Software → Hardware → Computation



Computation



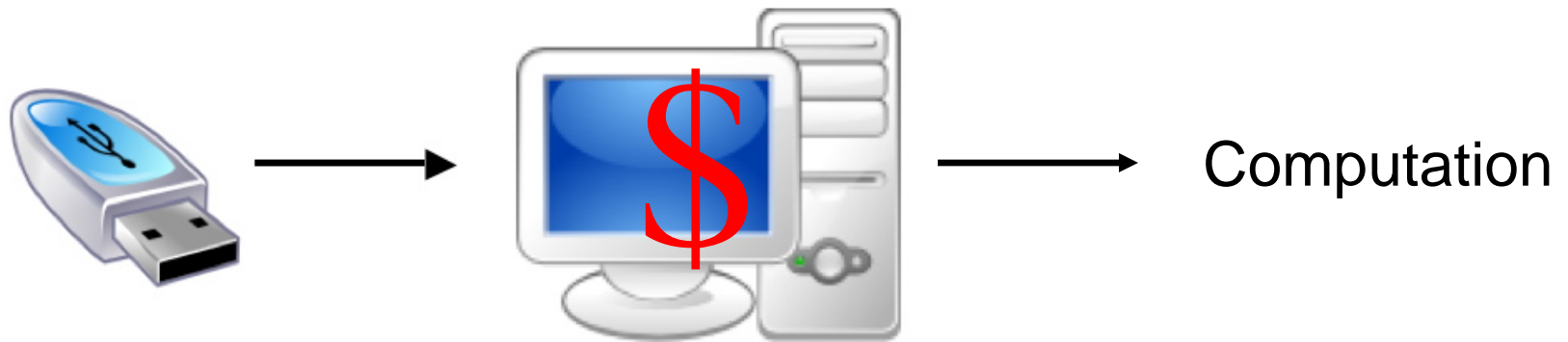
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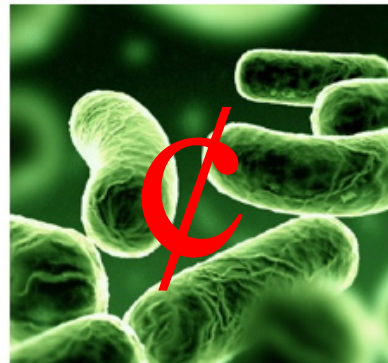
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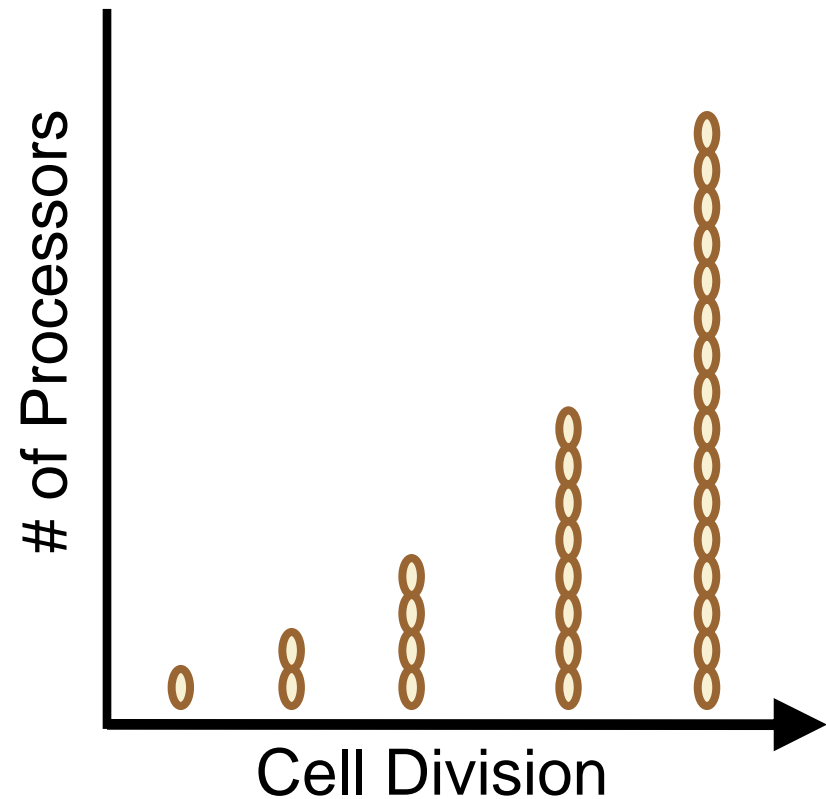
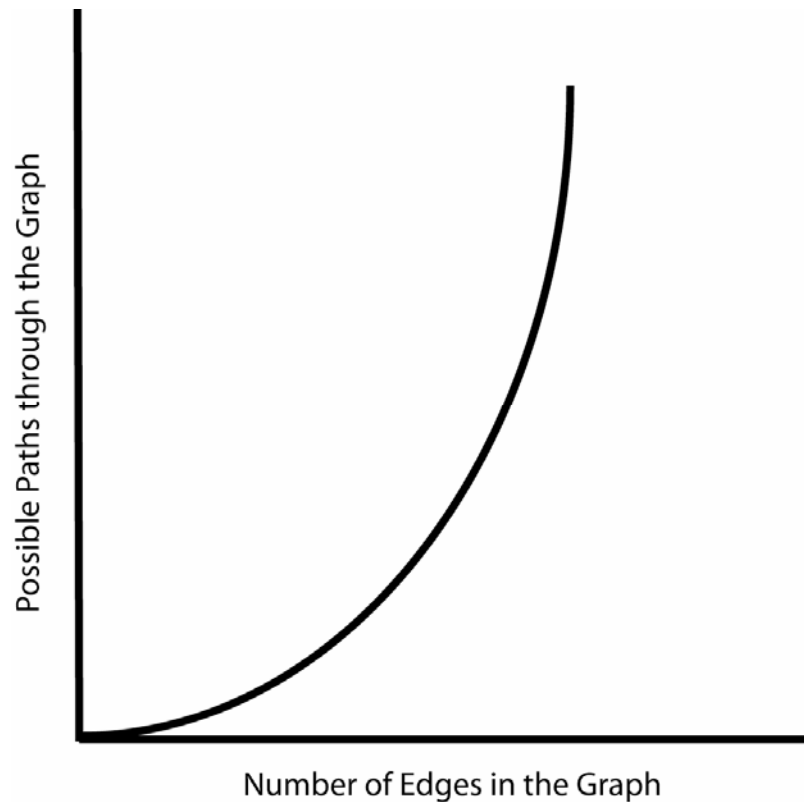
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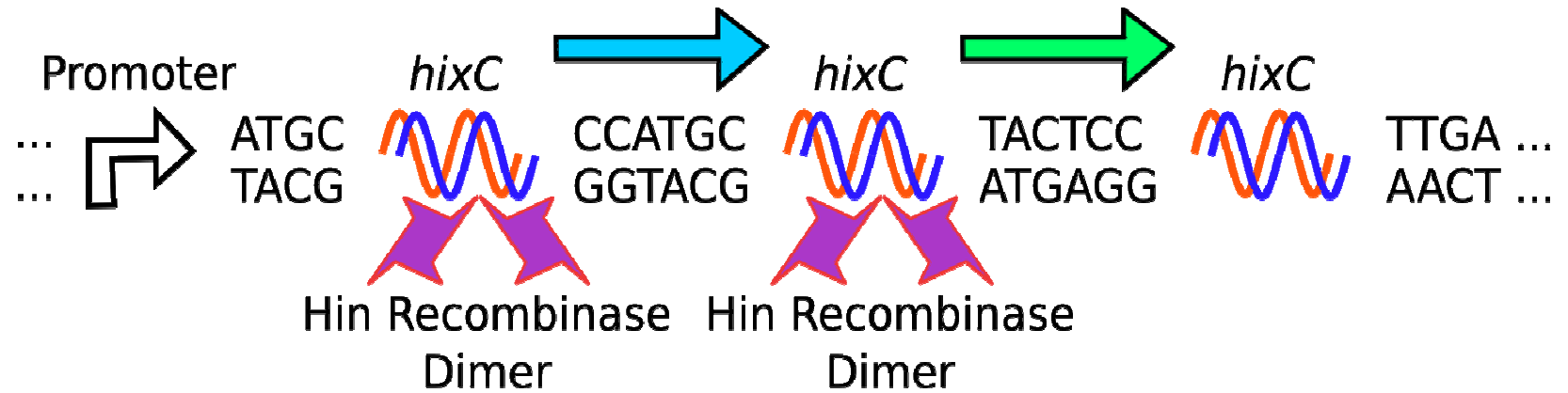
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Computational Complexity

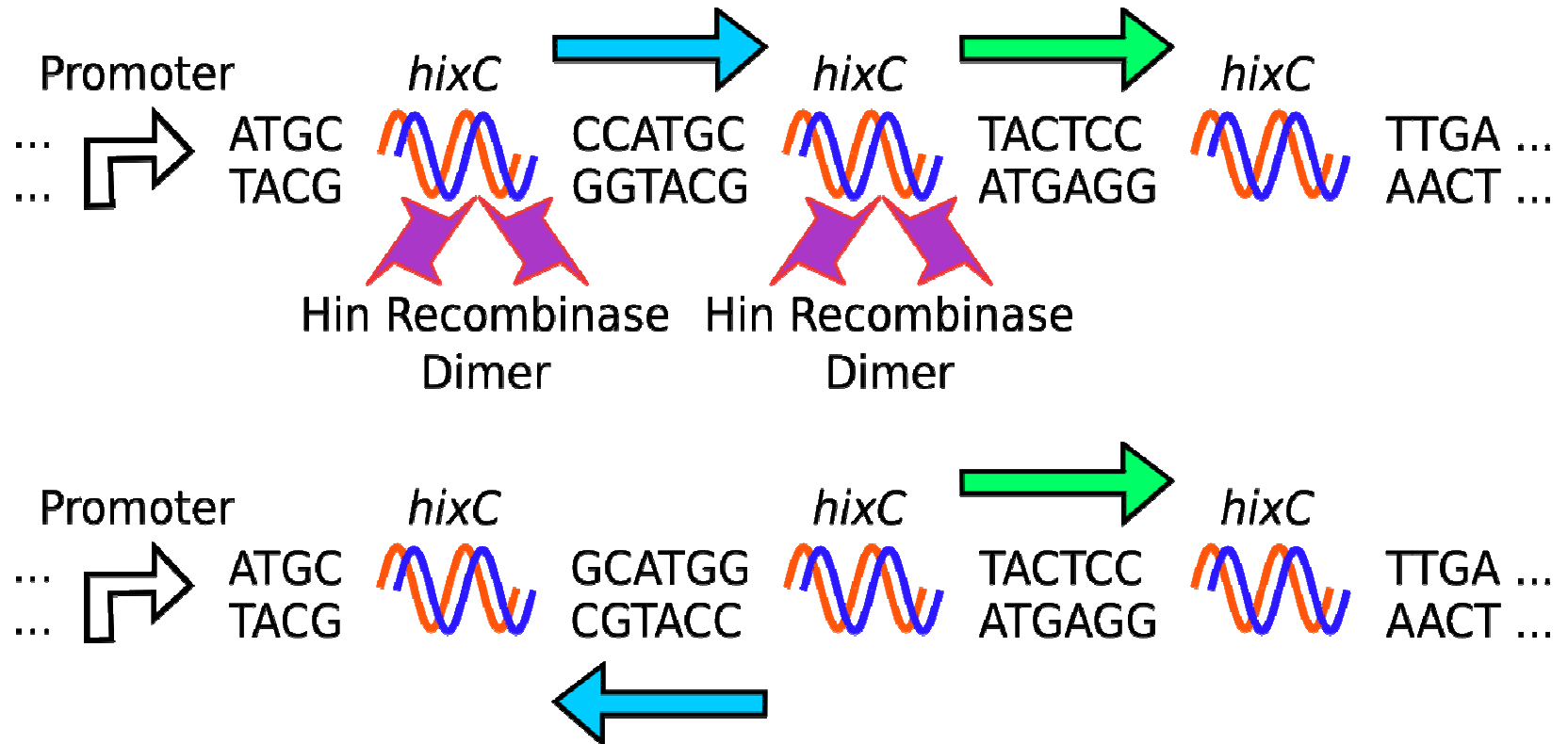
- Non-Polynomial (NP)
- No Efficient Algorithms



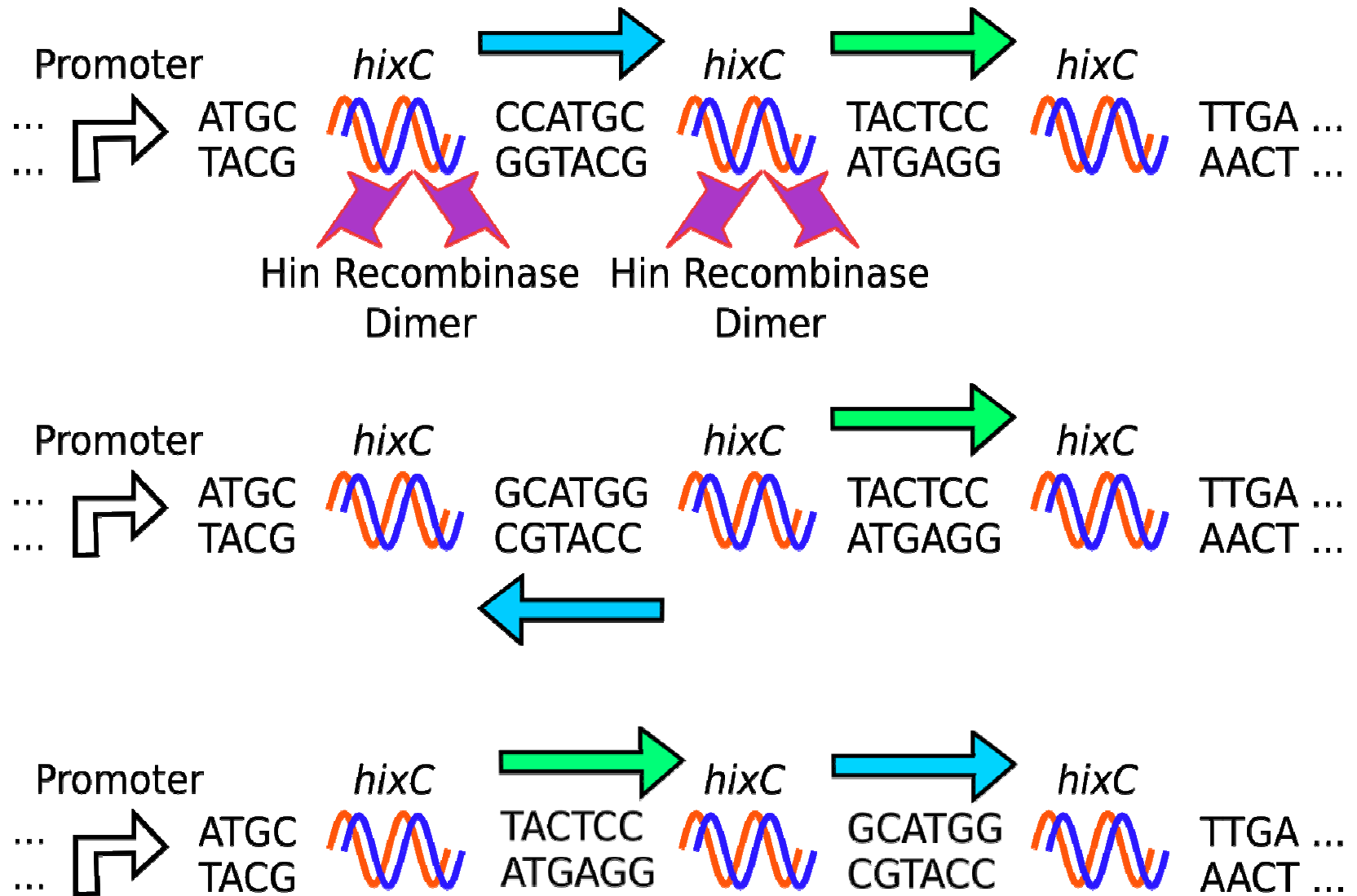
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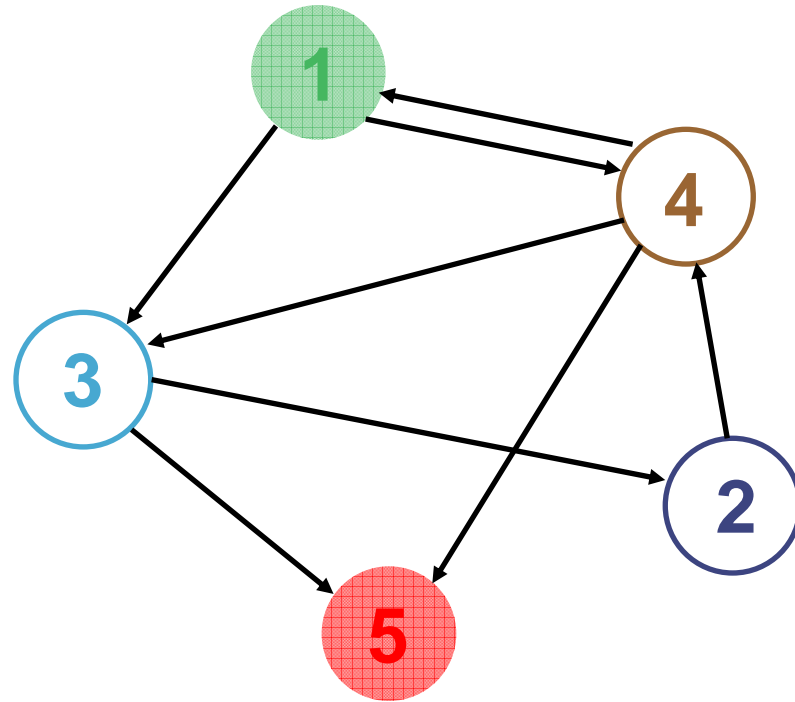
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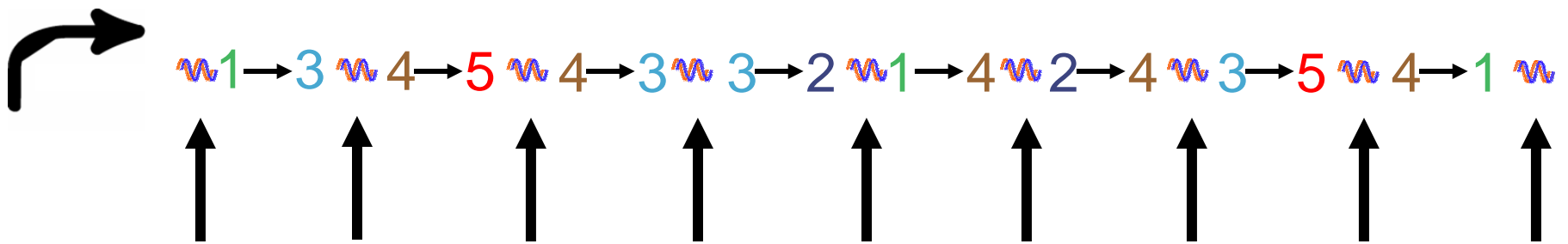
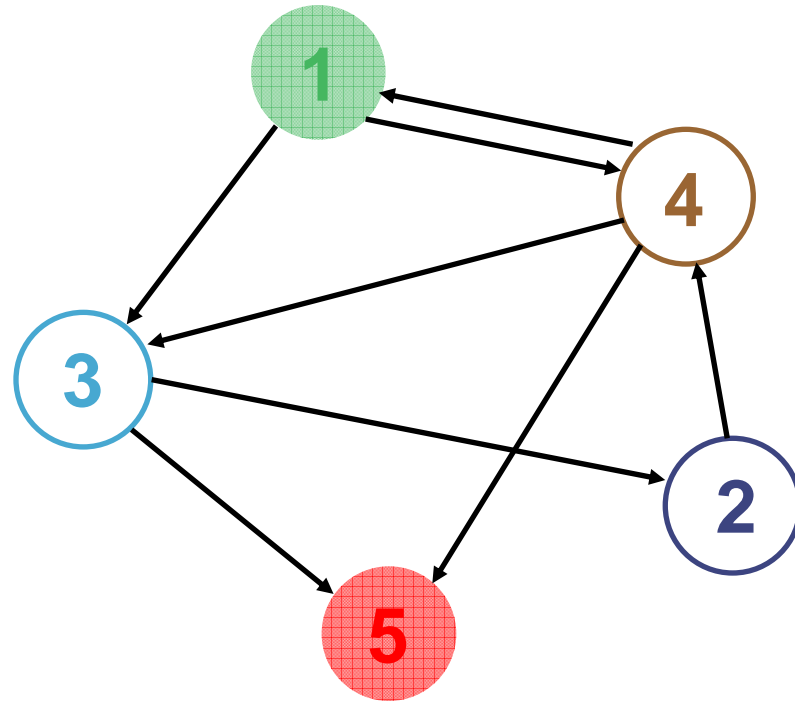


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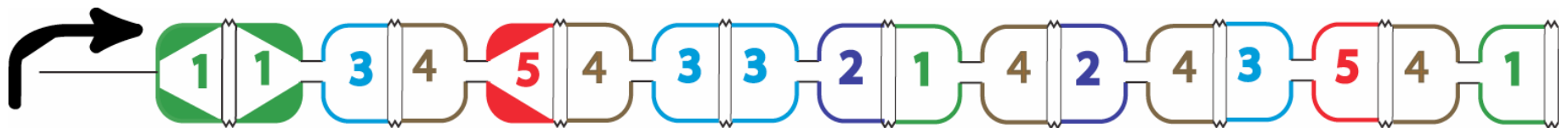
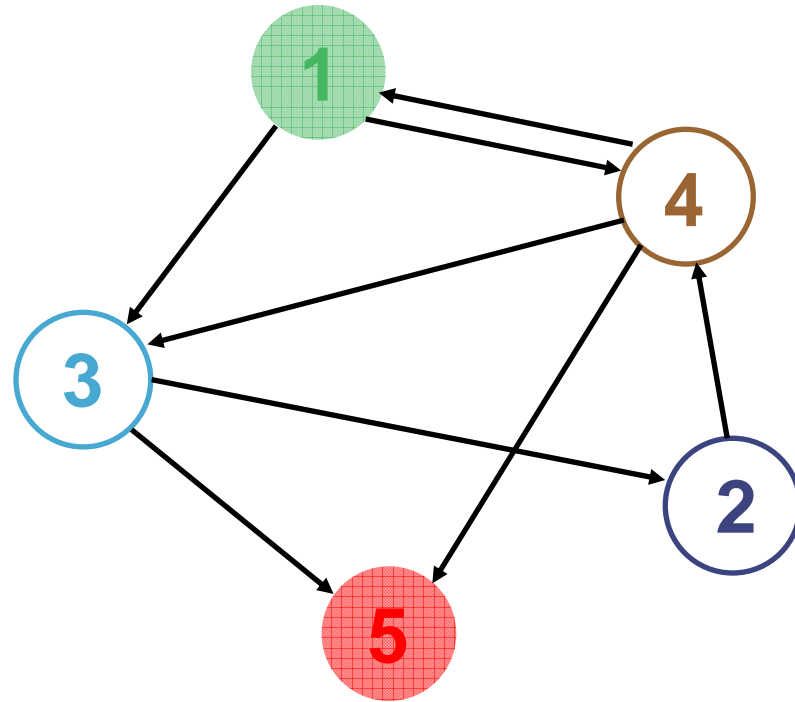
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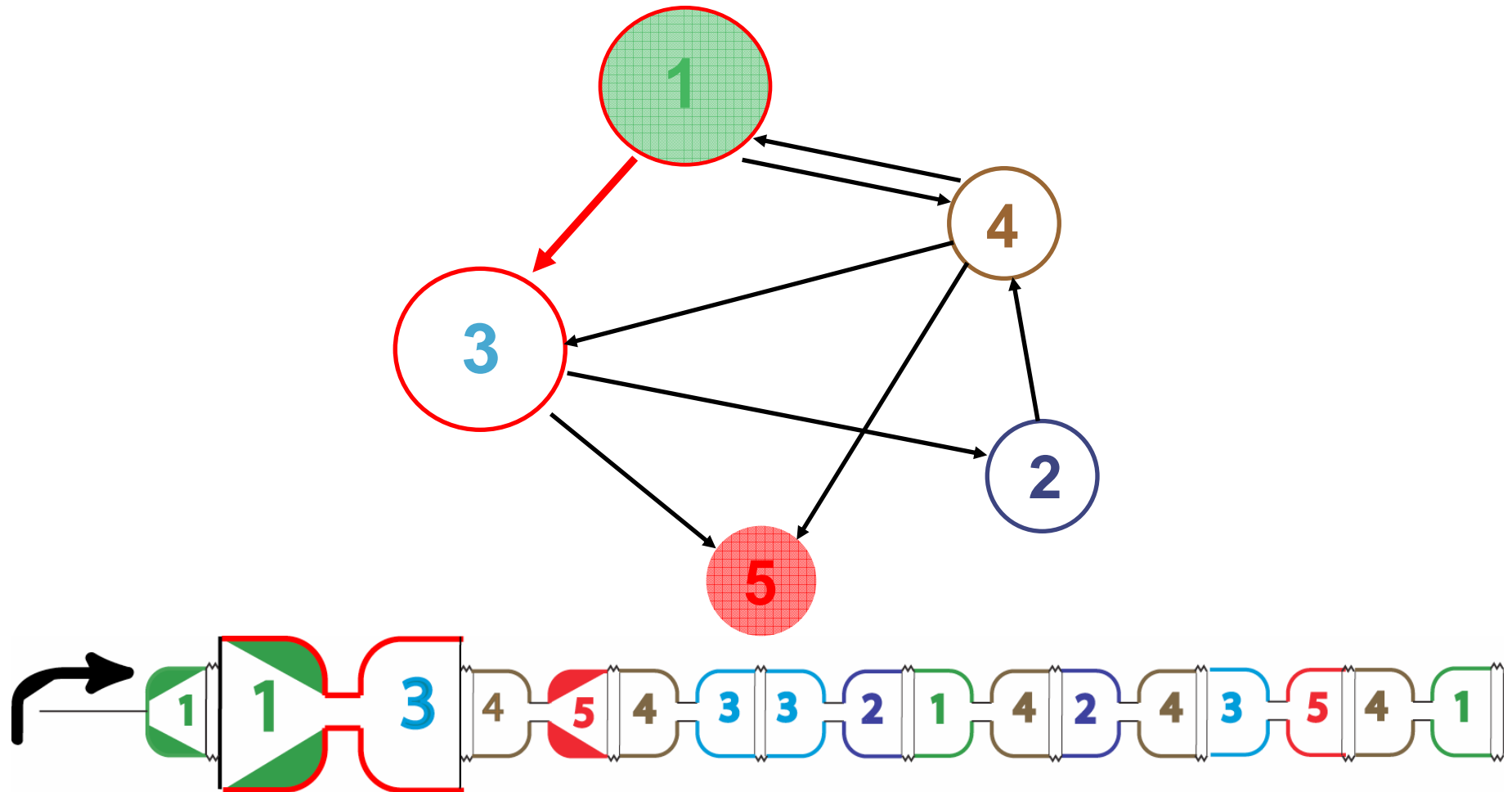


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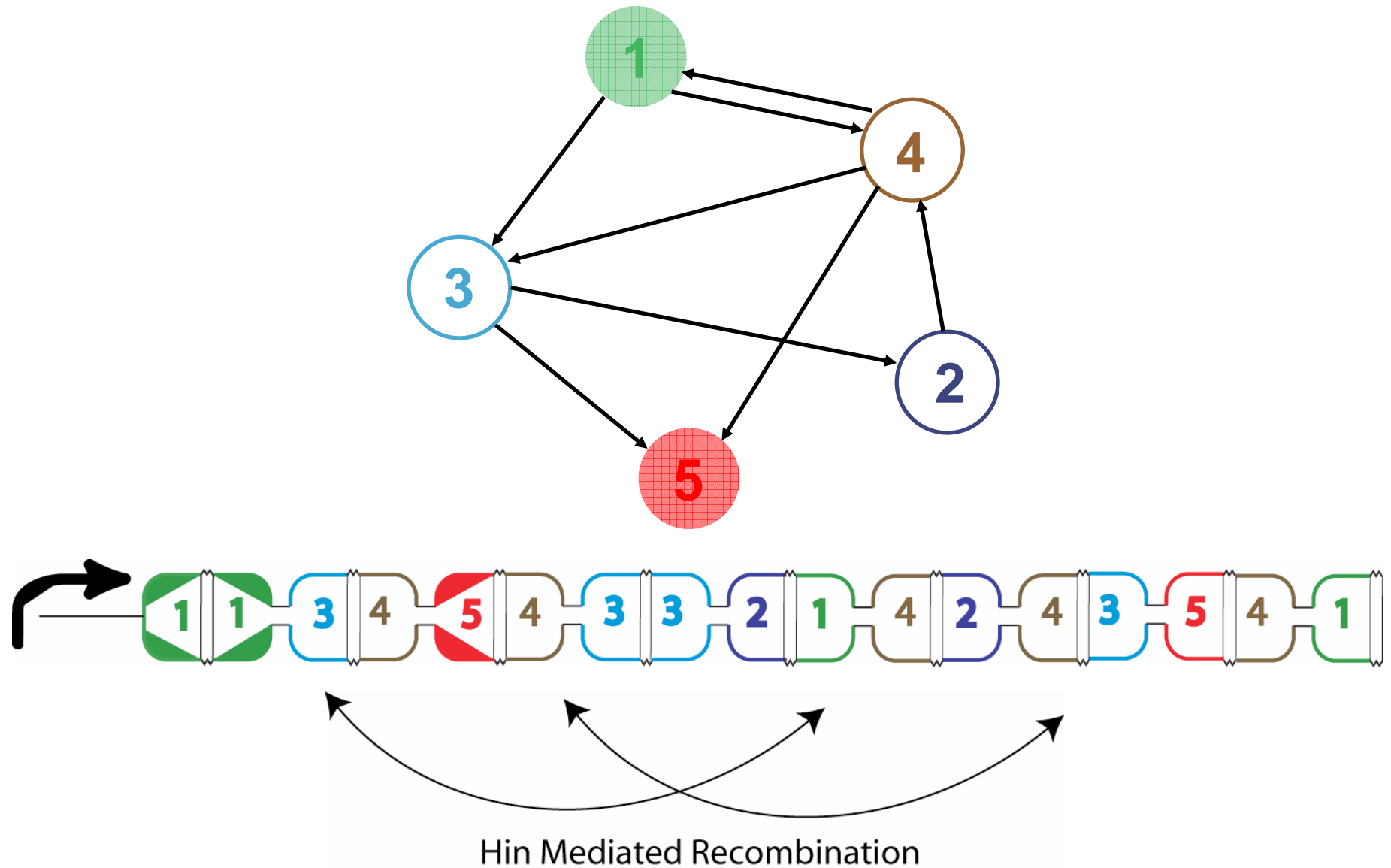
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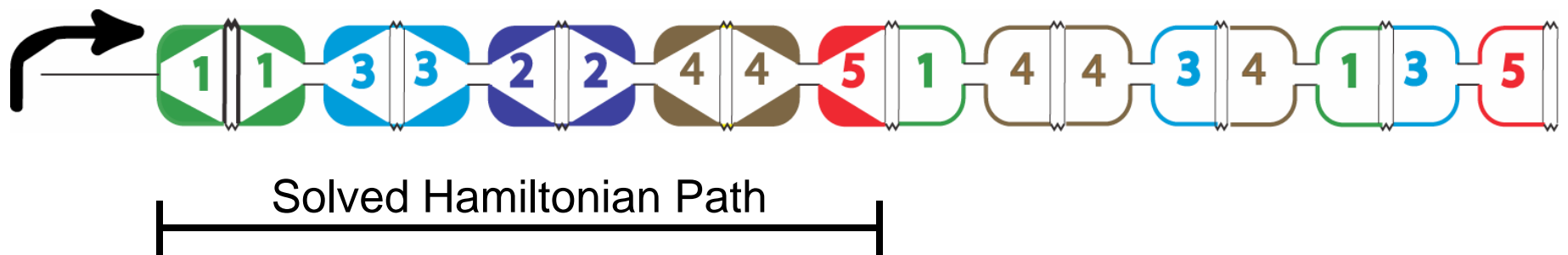
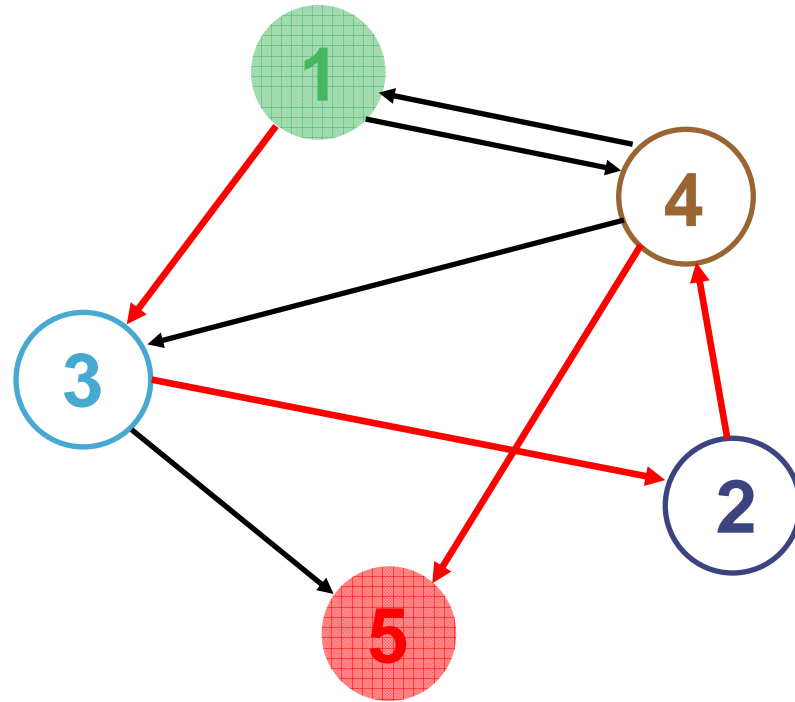
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Using Hin/*hixC* to Solve the HPP



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Predicting Outcomes of Bacterial Computation

How Many Plasmids Do We Need?

Probability of at least k solutions on m plasmids for a 14-edge graph

	$k = 1$	5	10	20
$m = 10,000,000$.0697	0	0	0
50,000,000	.3032	.00004	0	0
100,000,000	.5145	.0009	0	0
200,000,000	.7643	.0161	.000003	0
500,000,000	.973	.2961	.0041	0
1,000,000,000	.9992	.8466	.1932	.00007

k = actual number of occurrences

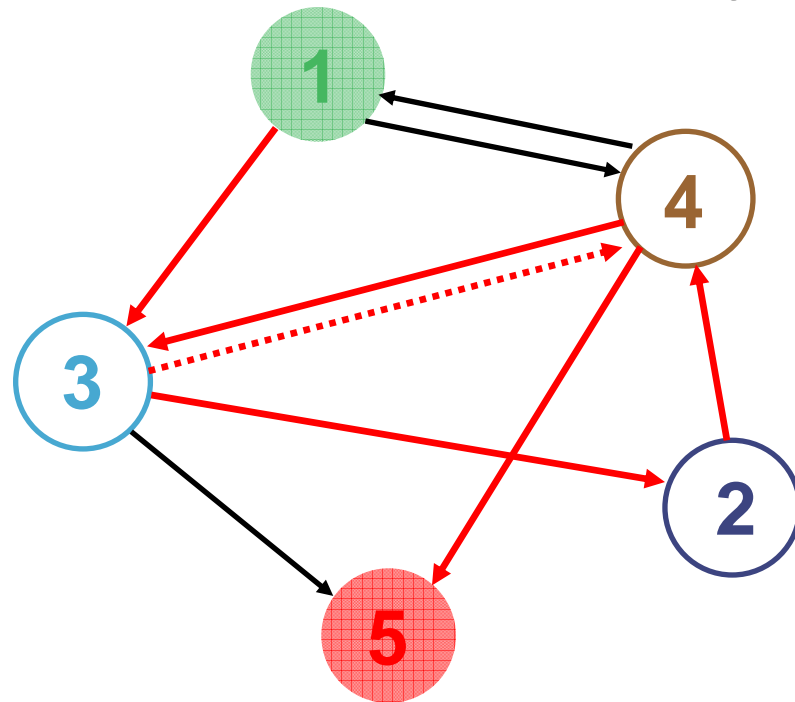
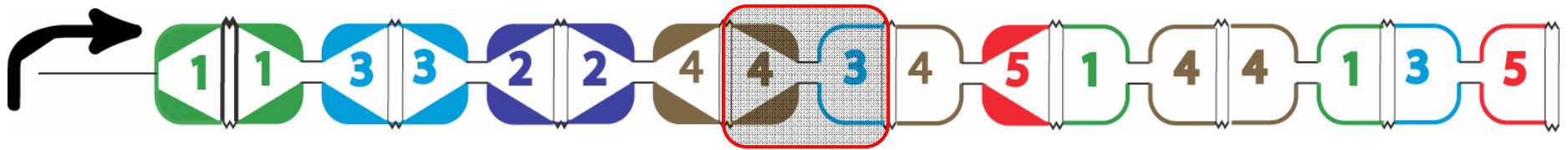
λ = expected number of occurrences

$\lambda = m \text{ plasmids} * \# \text{ solved permutations of edges} \div \# \text{ permutations of edges}$

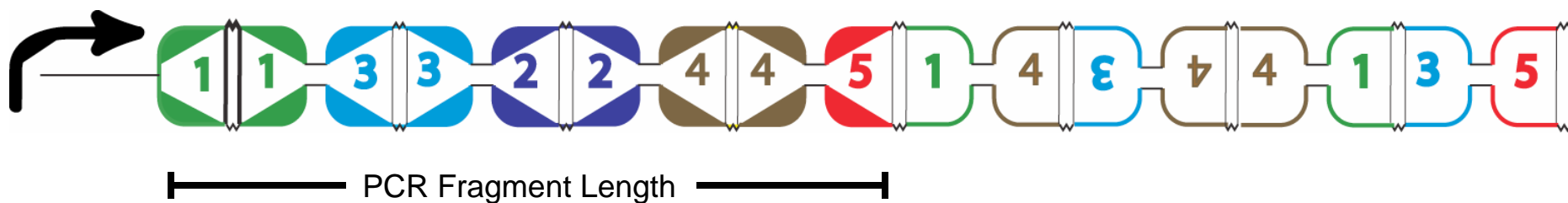
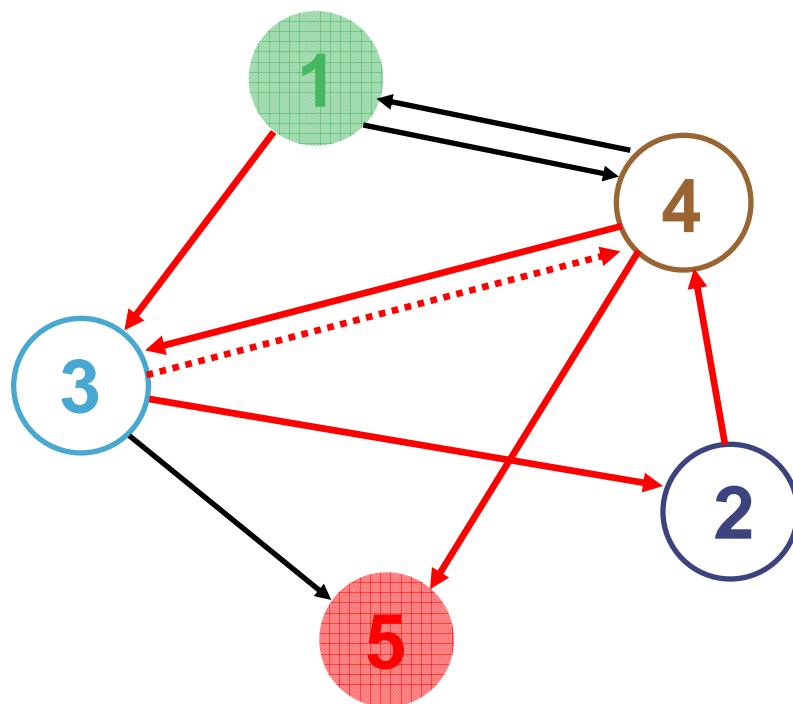
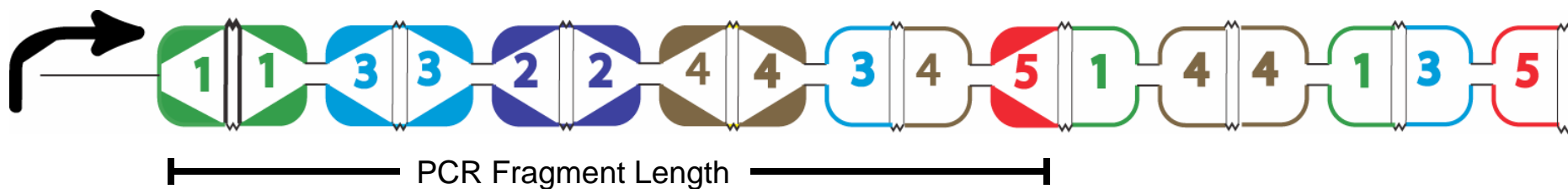
Cumulative Poisson Distribution:

$$P(\# \text{ of solutions} \geq k) = 1 - \sum_{x=0}^{k-1} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \cdot \lambda^x}{x!}$$

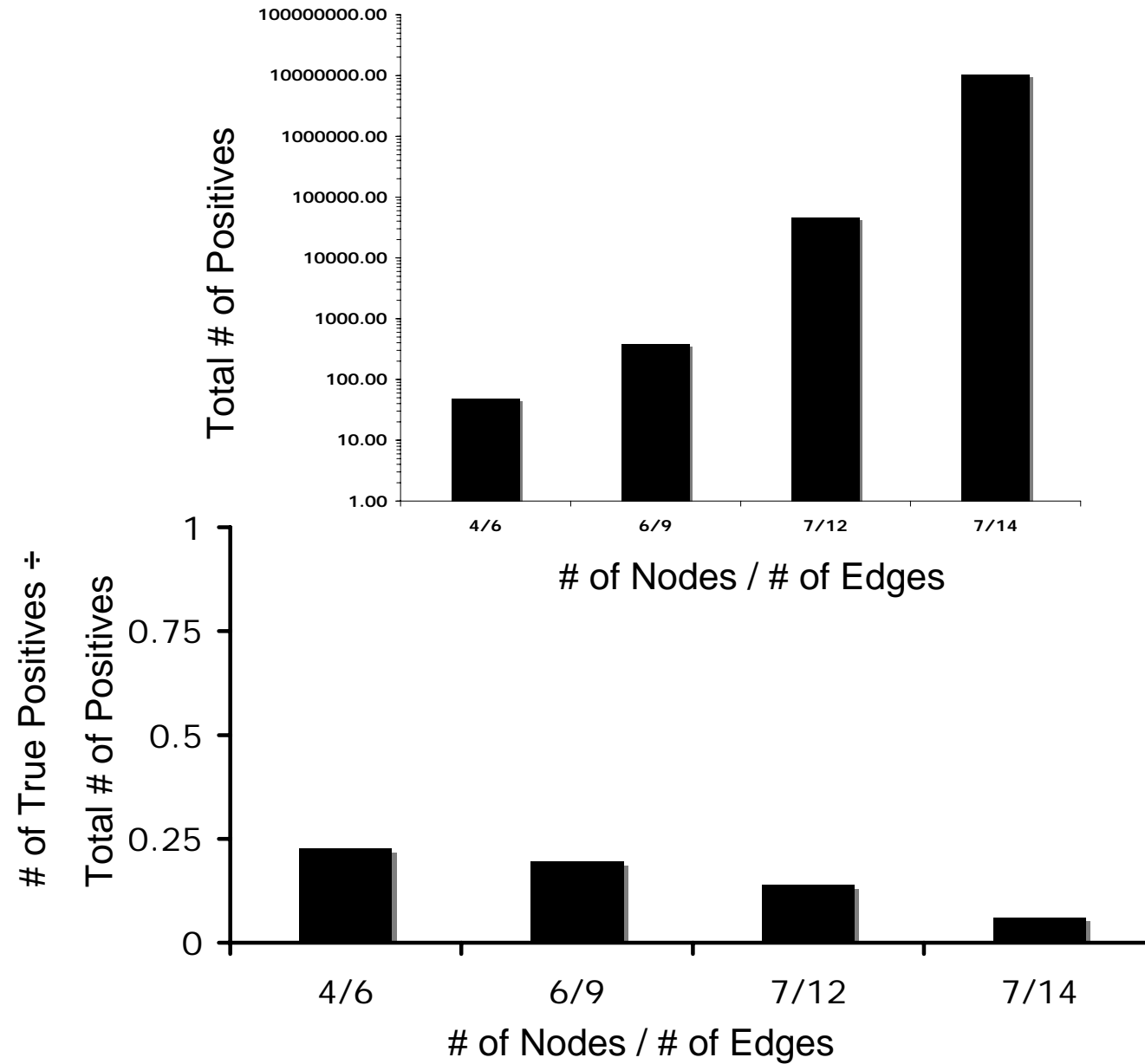
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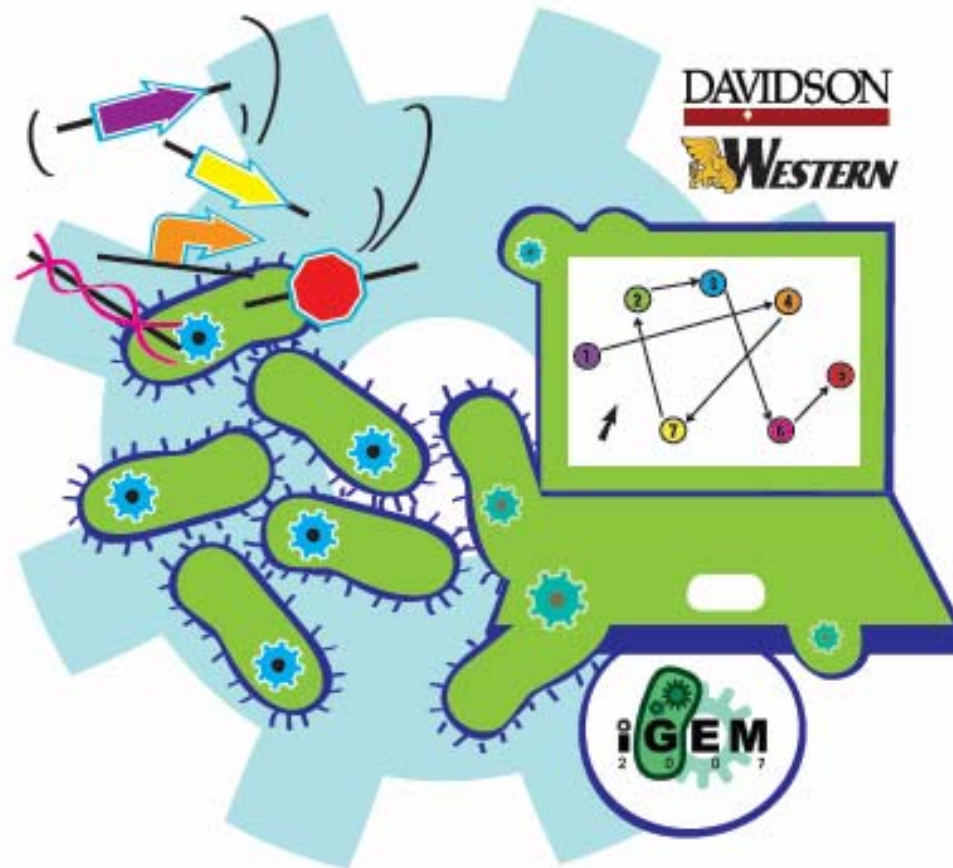
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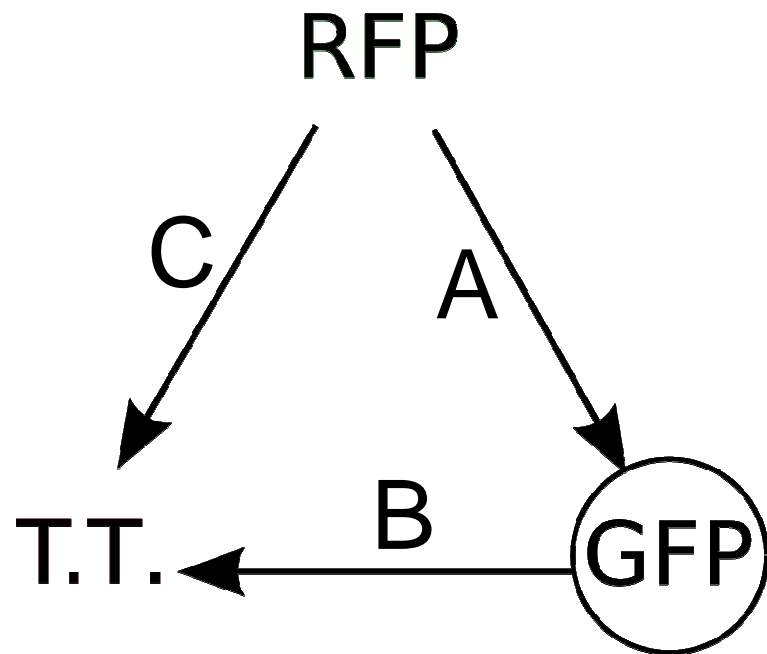
Detection of True Positives



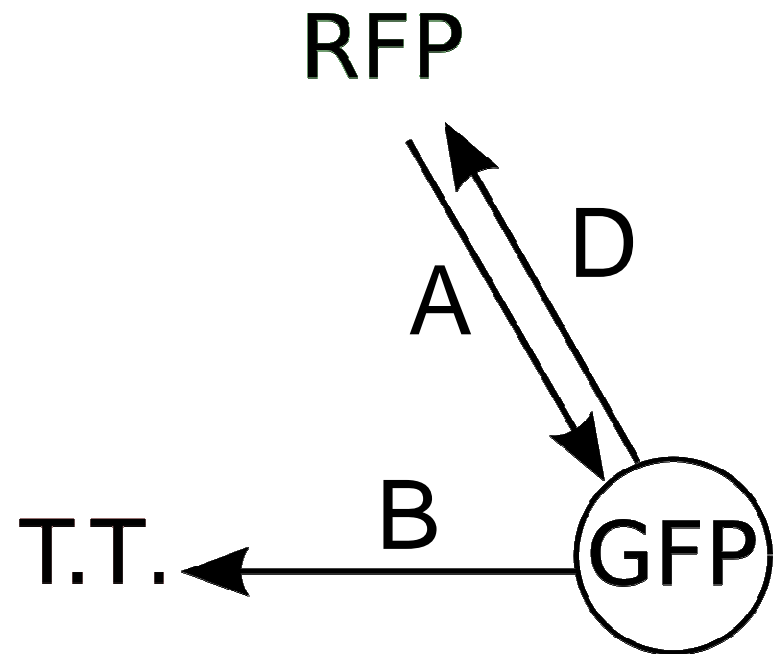
Building a Bacterial Computer



Choosing Graphs

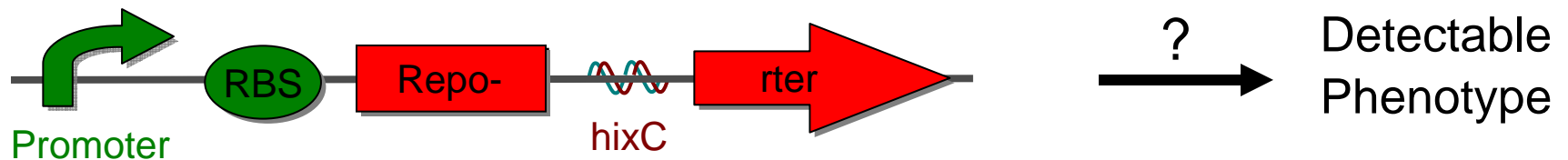
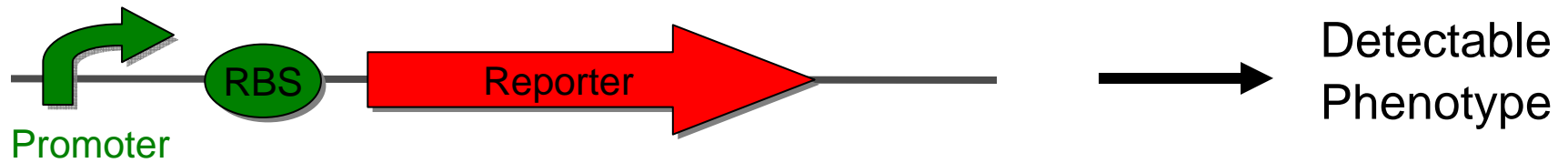


Graph 1

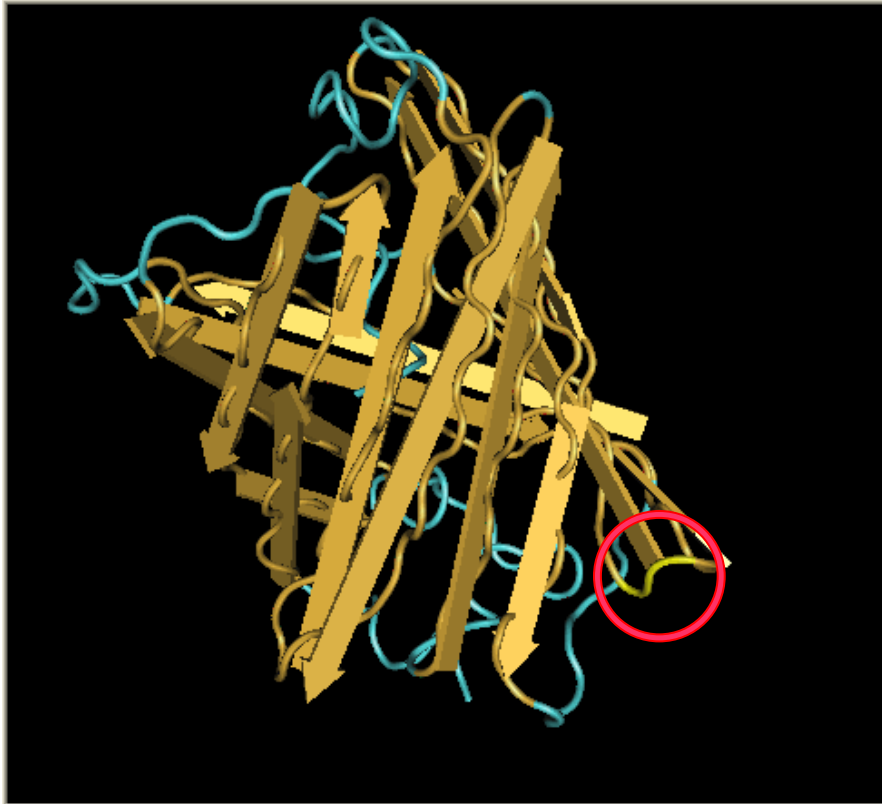


Graph 2

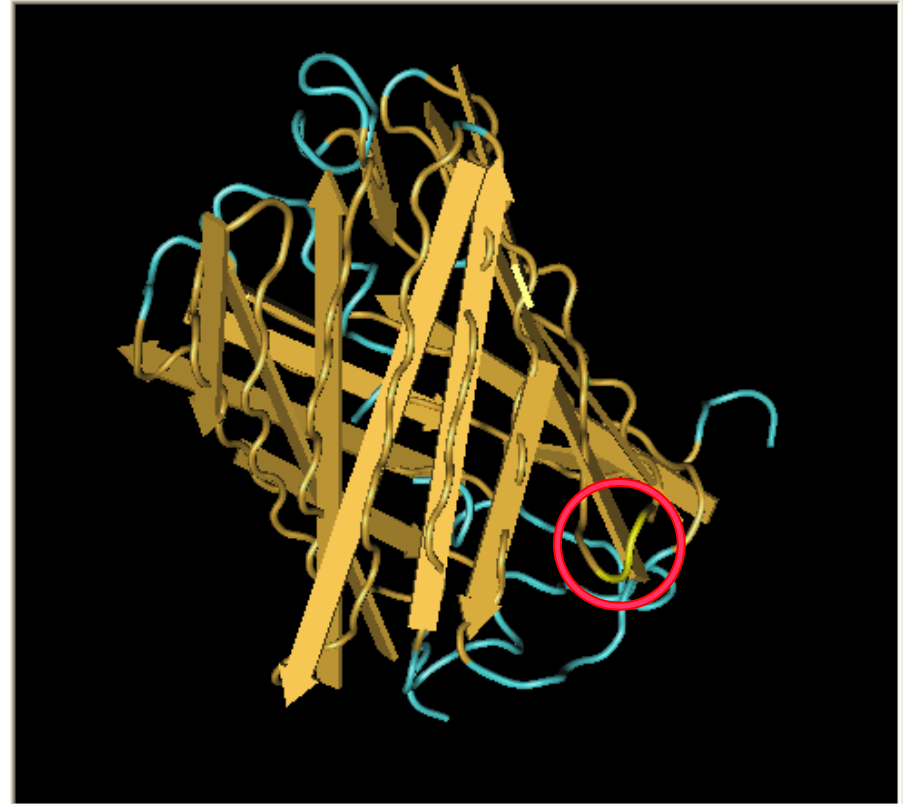
How to Split a Gene



Splitting Reporter Genes

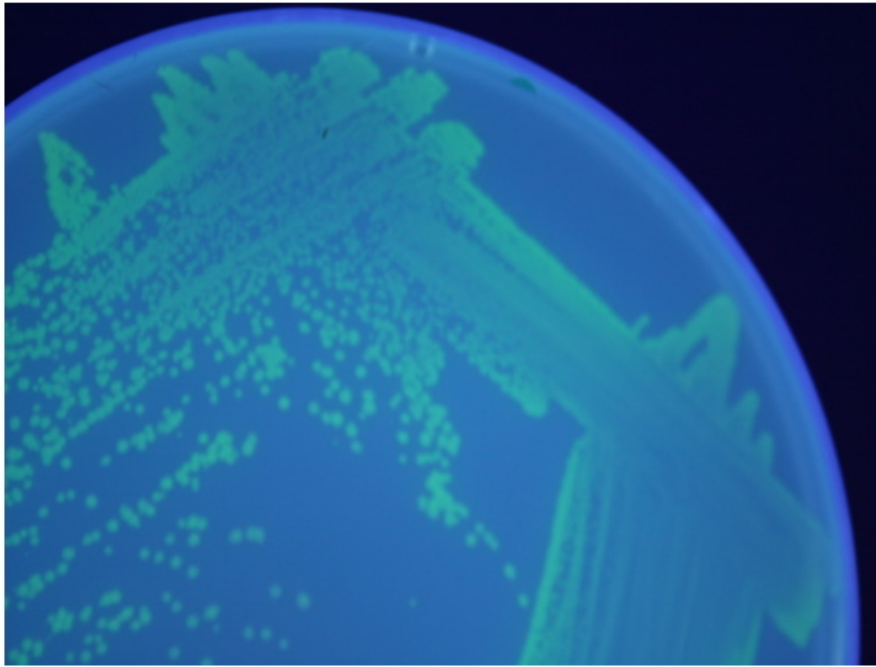


Green Fluorescent Protein

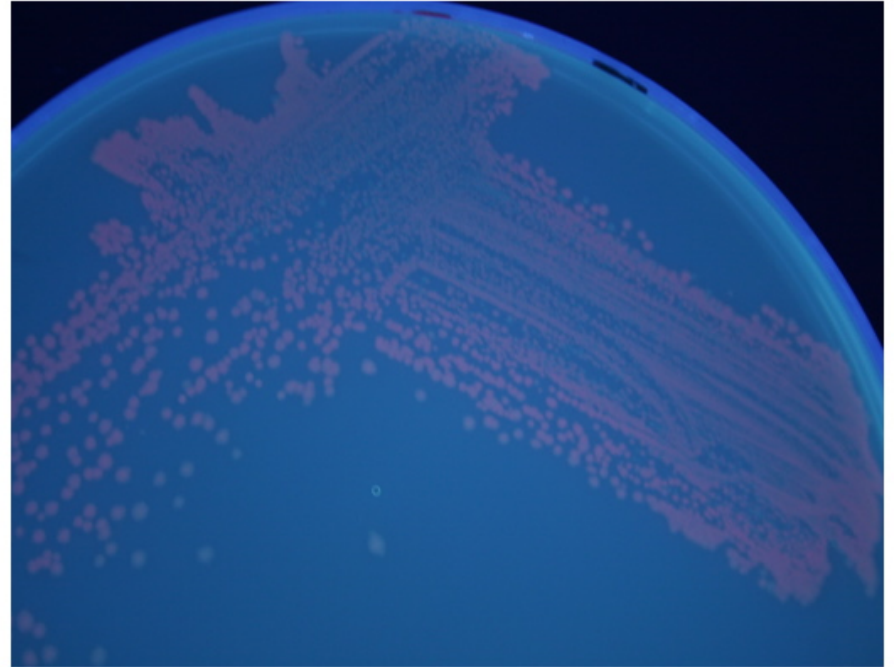


Red Fluorescent Protein

Splitting Reporter Genes



GFP Split by *hixC*

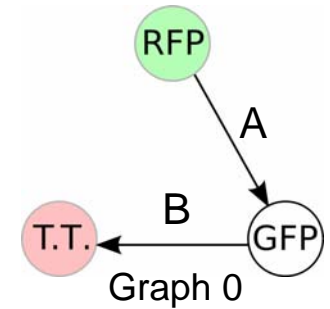
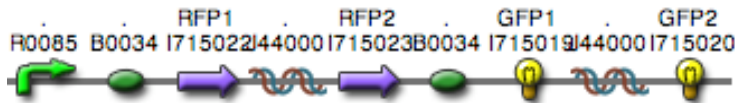


RFP Split by *hixC*

HPP Constructs

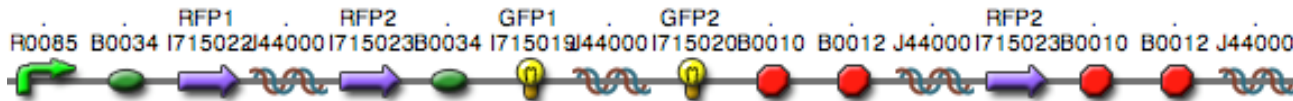
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AB

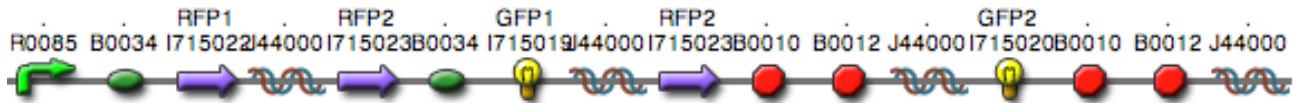


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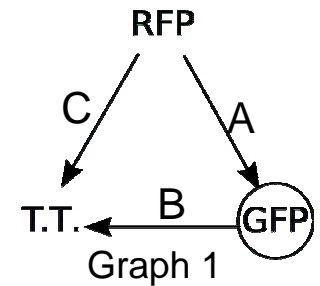
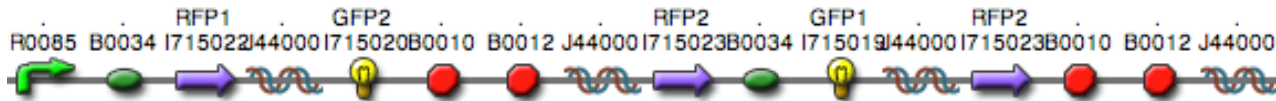
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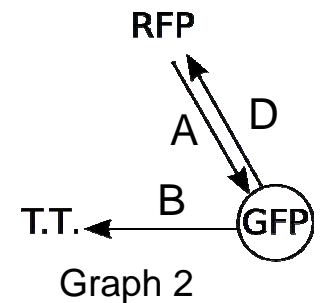


BAC



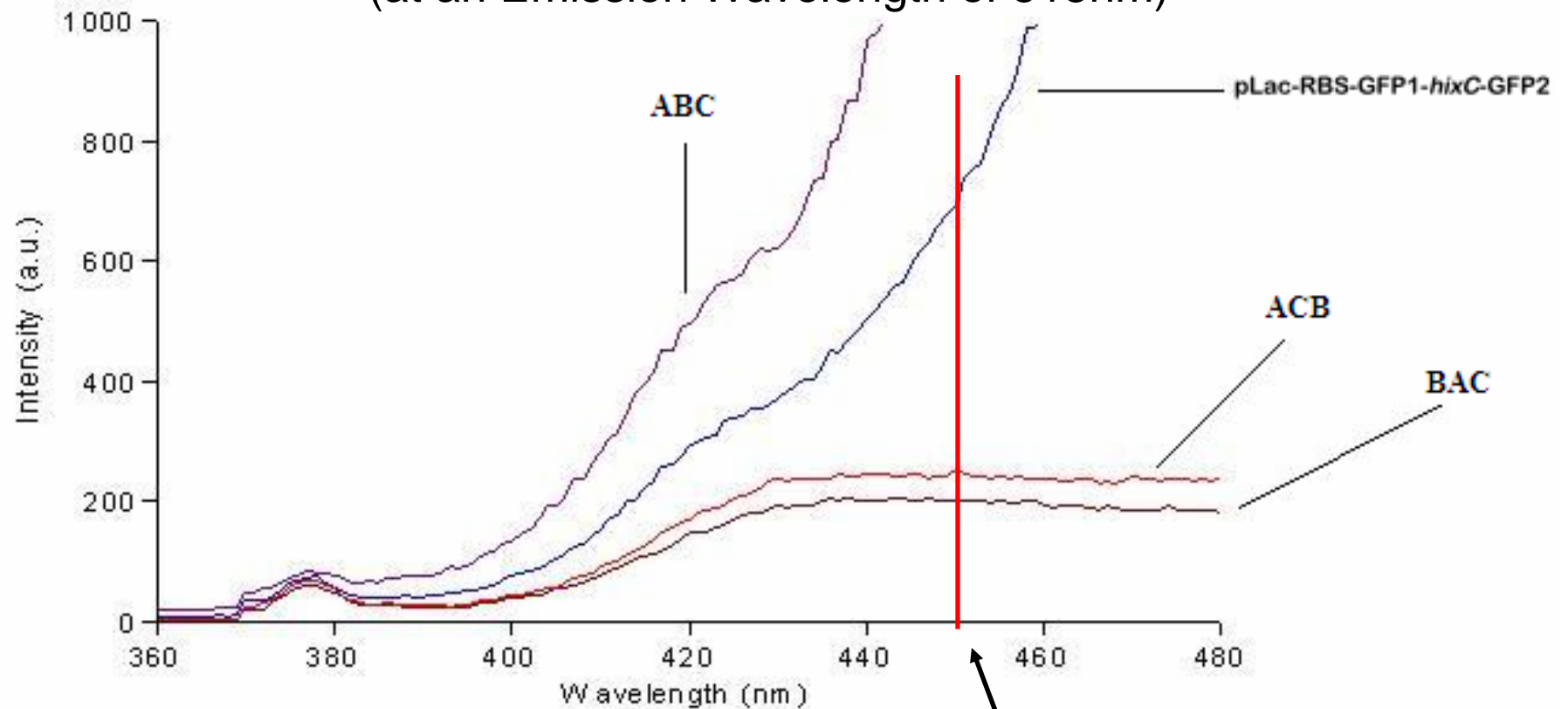
Graph 2 Construct:

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Measuring Fluorescence

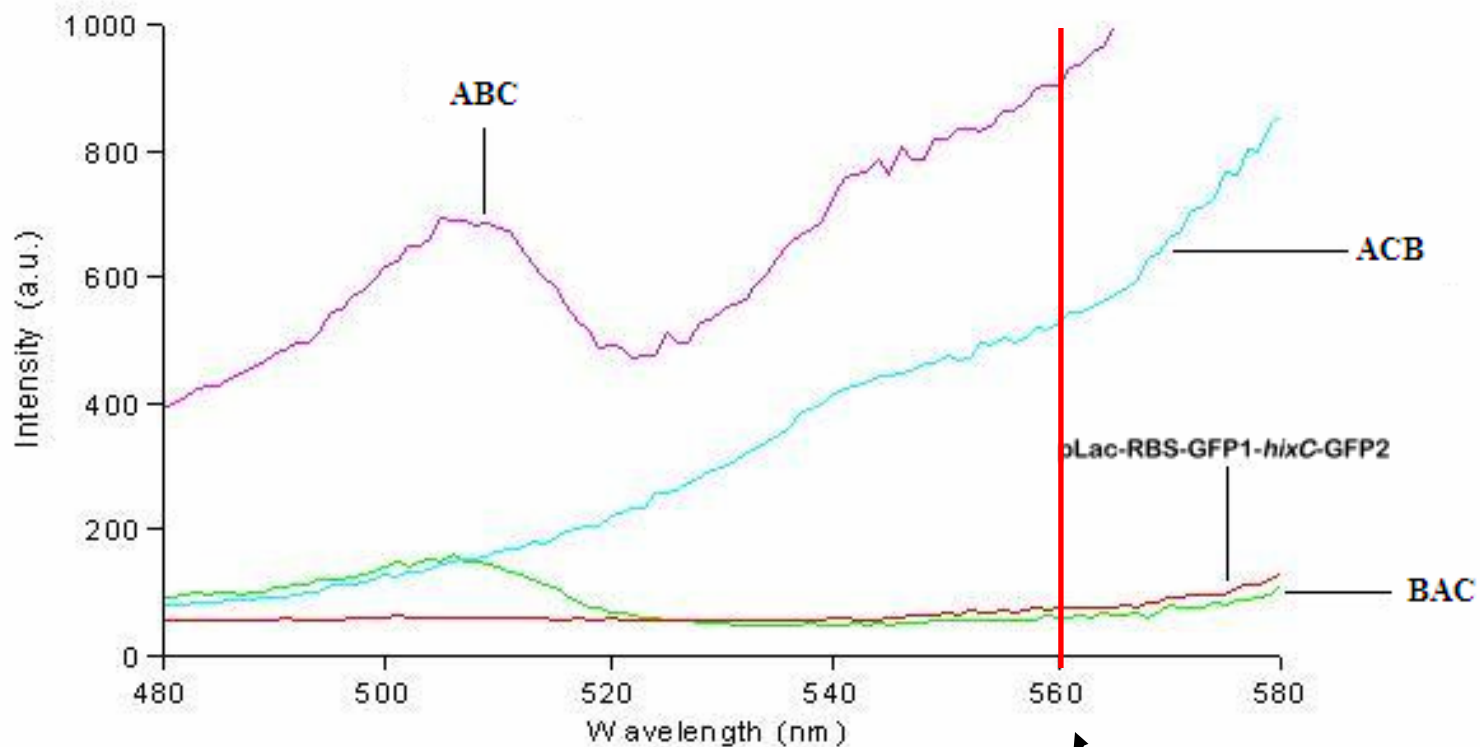
GFP Excitation Spectra for 4 HPP Constructs
(at an Emission Wavelength of 515nm)



450 nm chosen as excitation wavelength to measure GFP

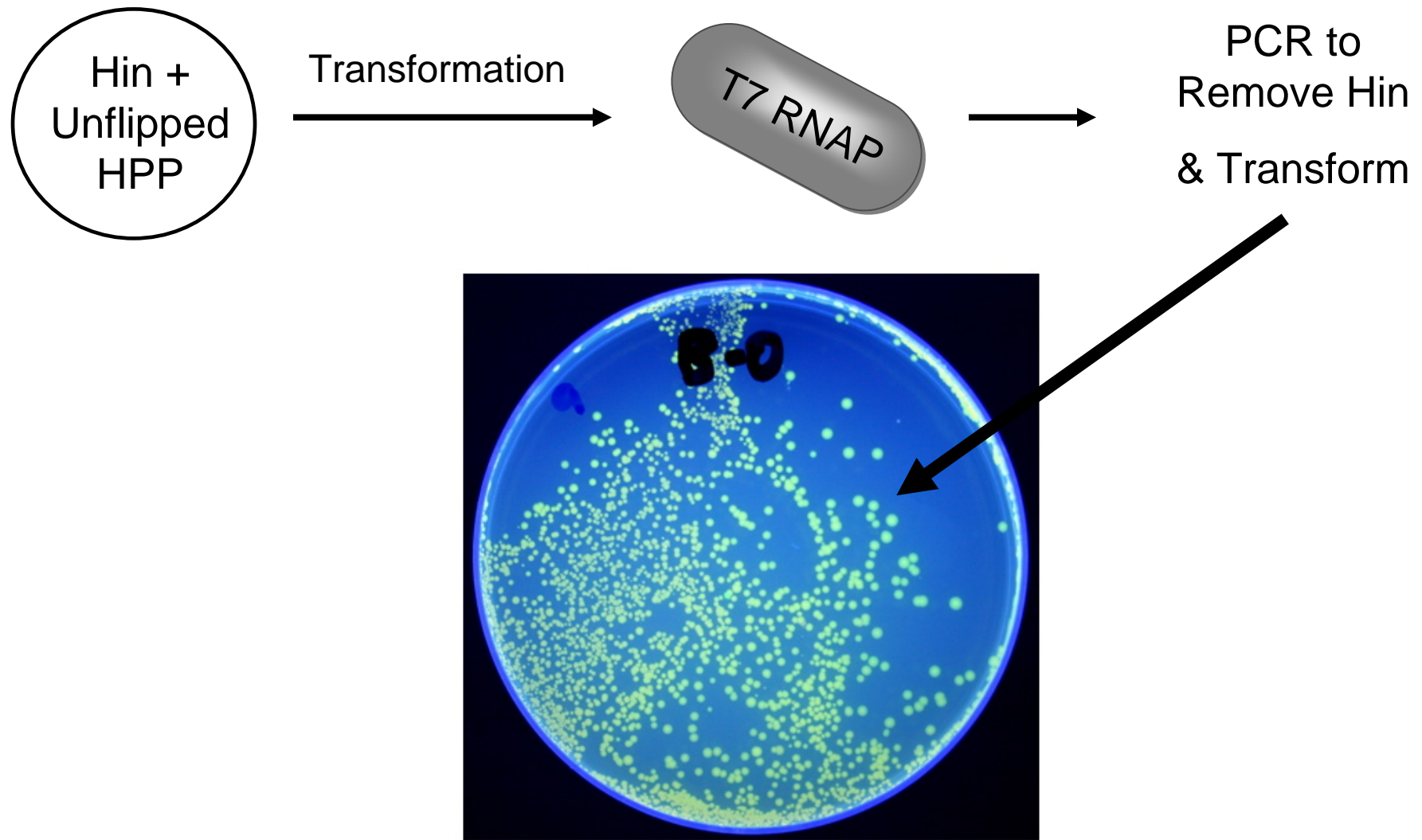
Measuring Fluorescence

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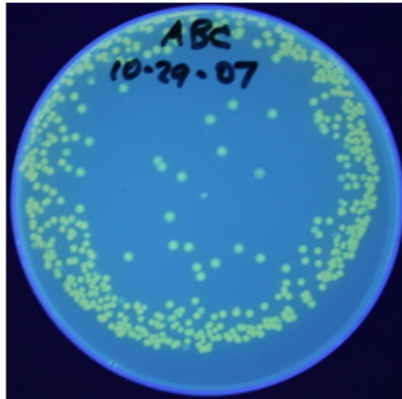
560 nm chosen as excitation wavelength to measure RFP

Coupled Hin & HPP Graph

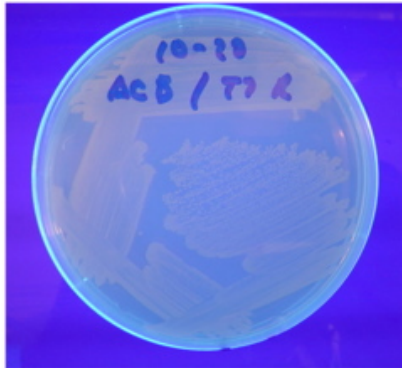


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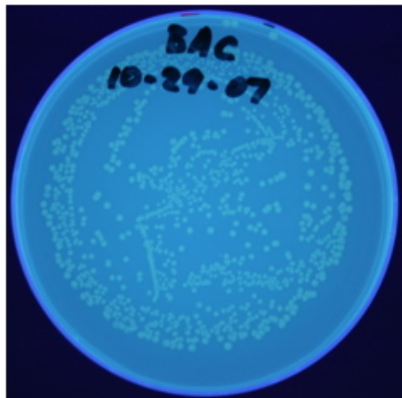
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(Yellow)



ACB
(Red)

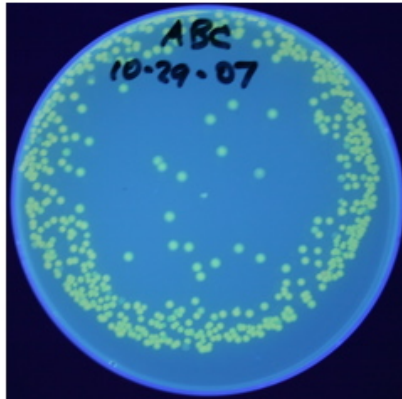


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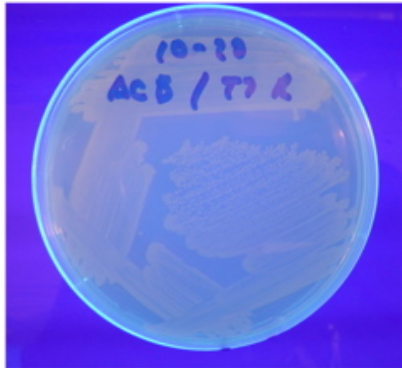


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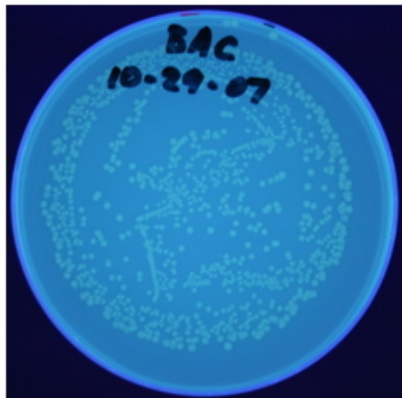
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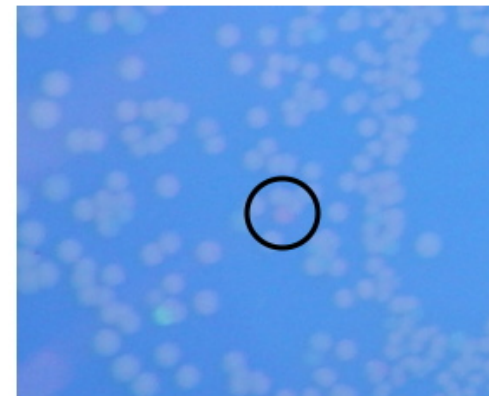
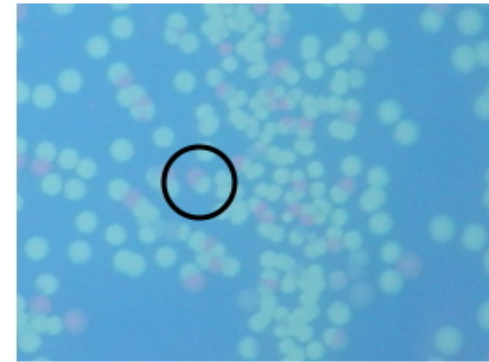
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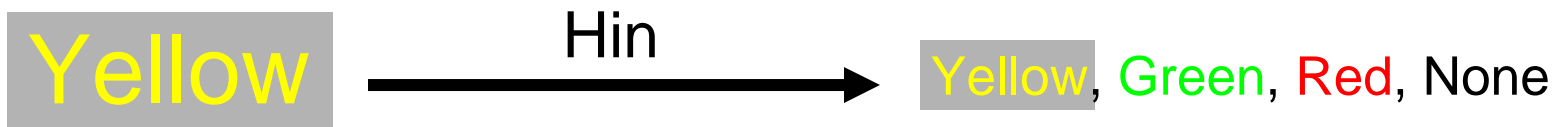
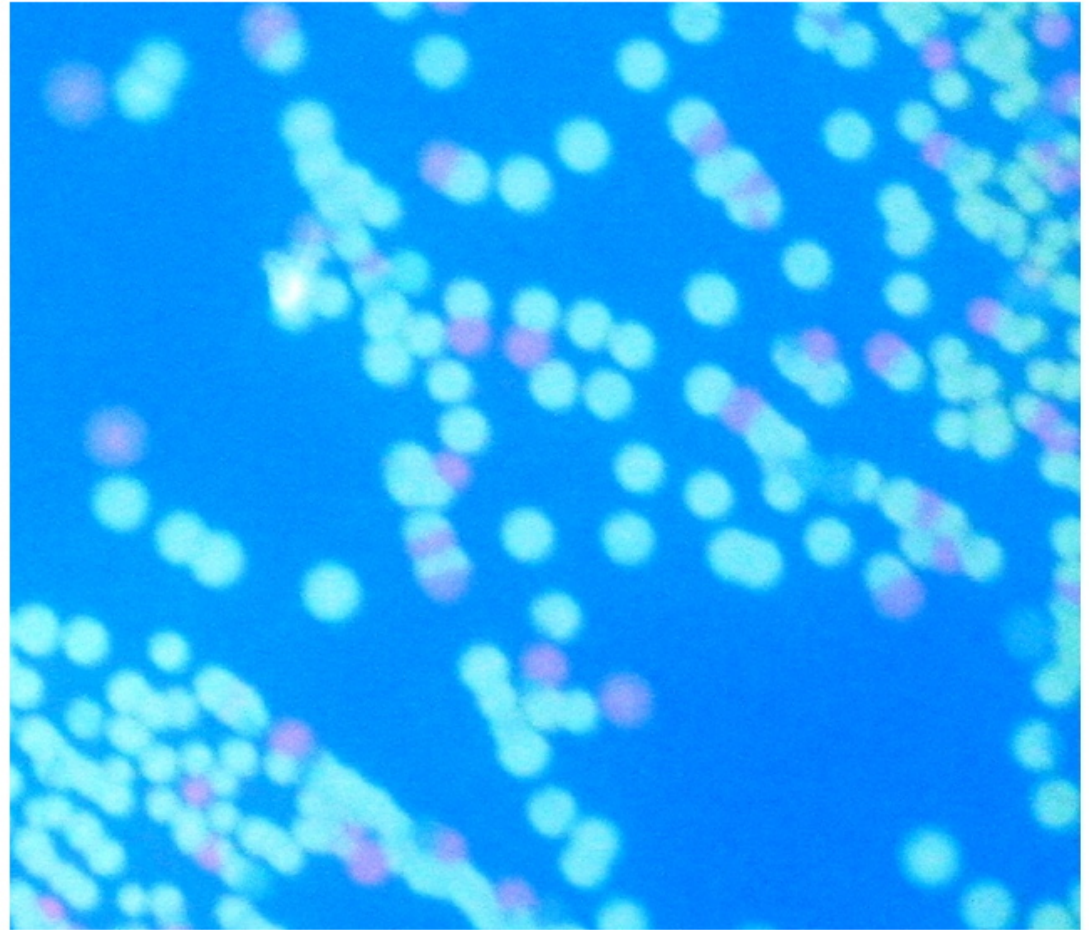
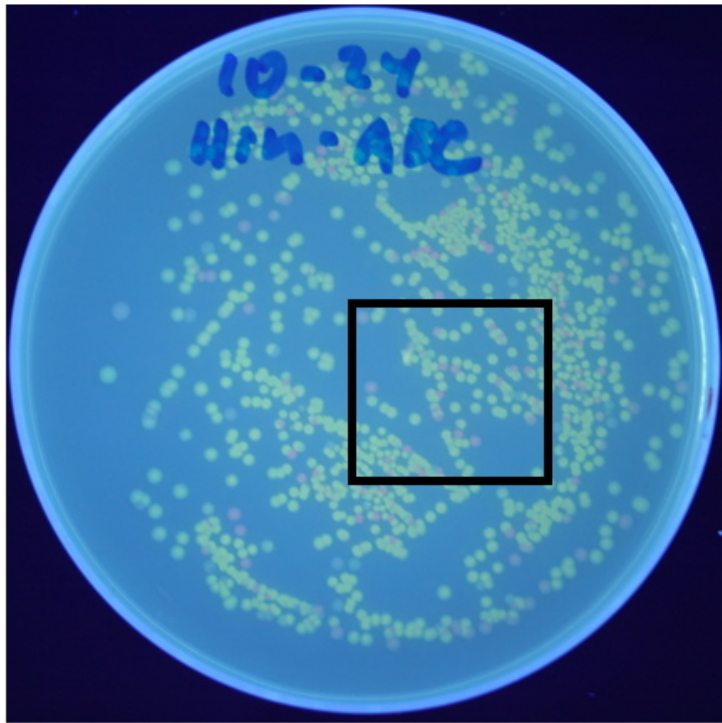
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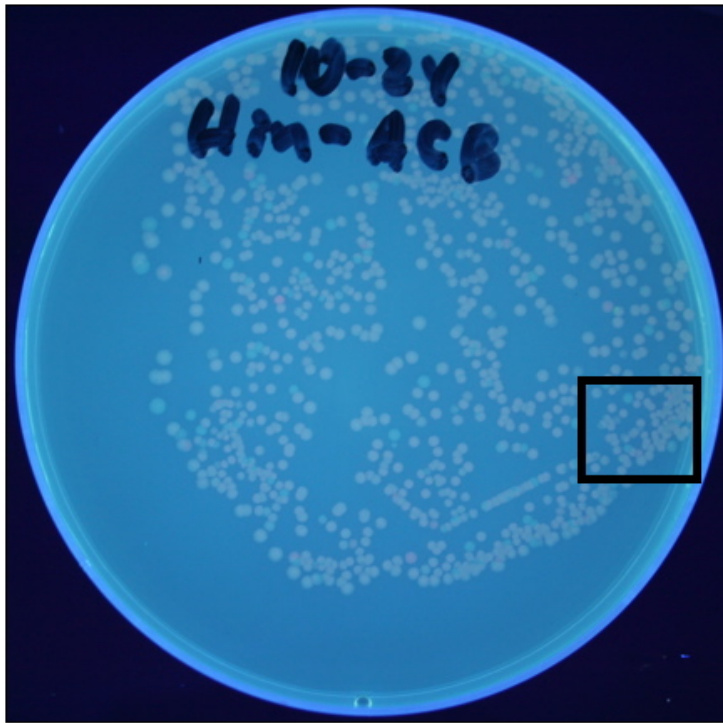
Hin-Mediated
Flipping



ABC Flipping



ACB Flipping



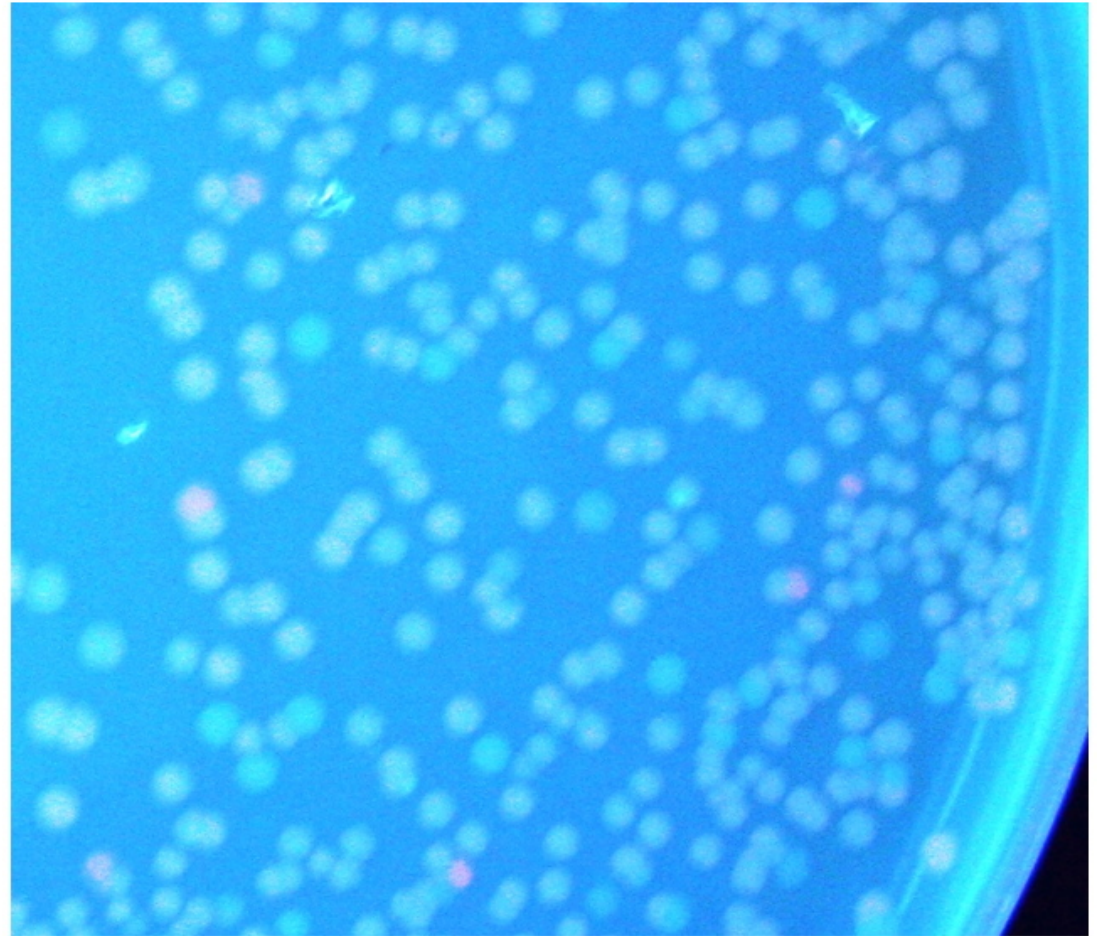
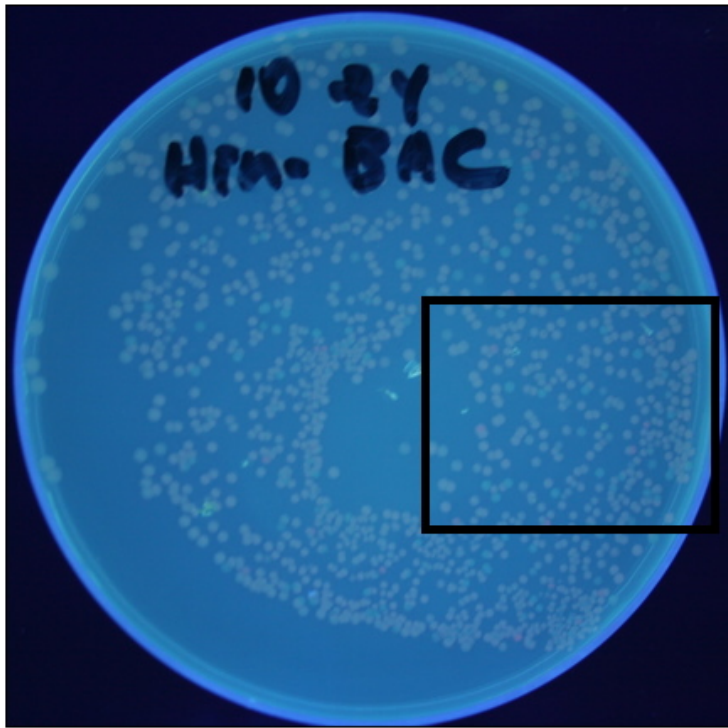
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Hin



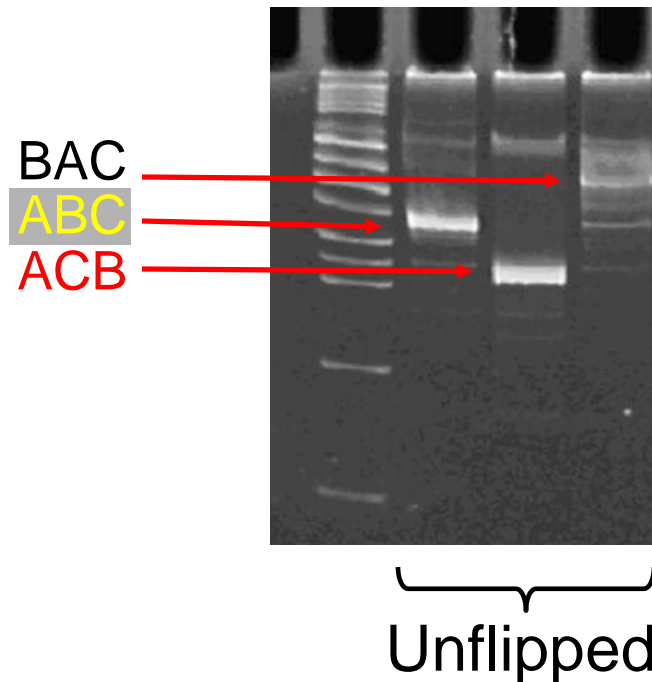
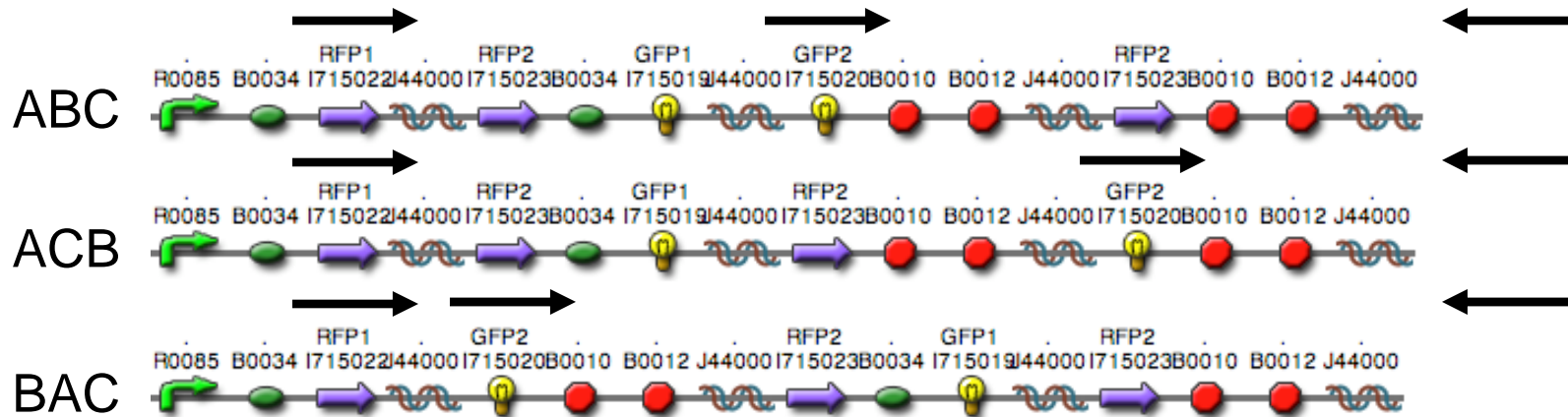
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BAC Flipping

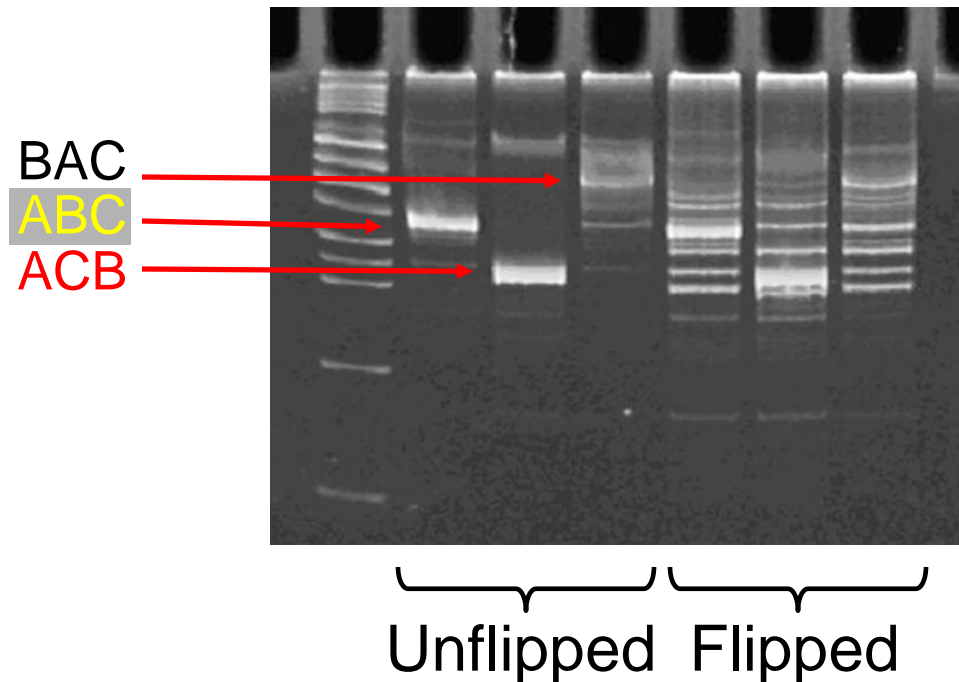
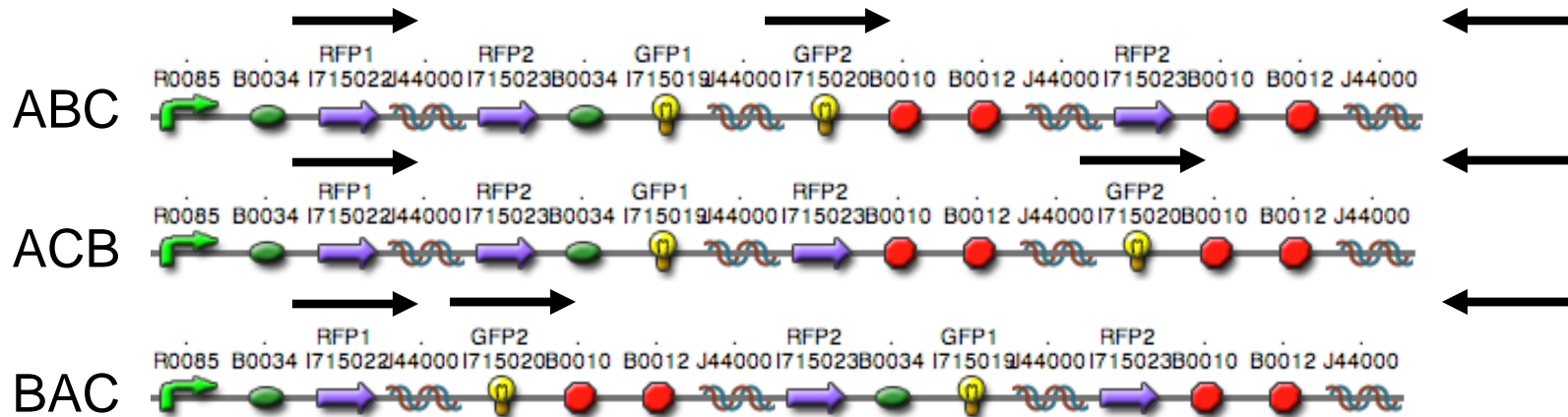


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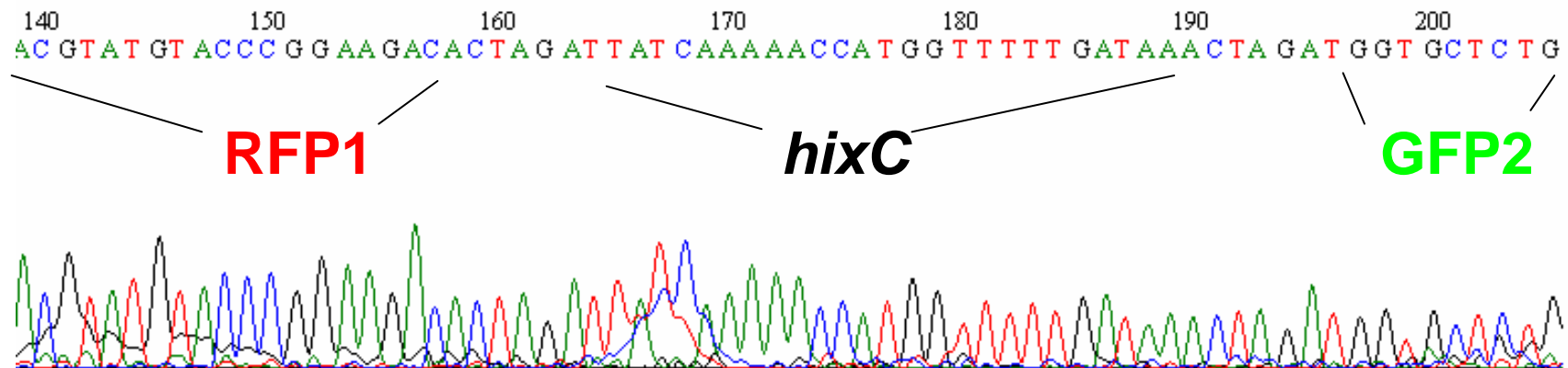


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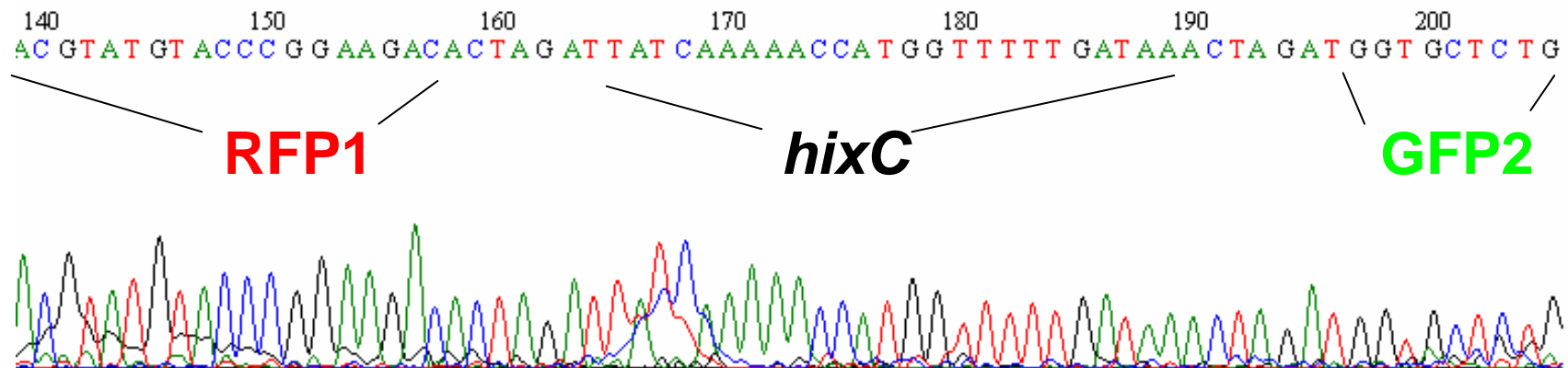
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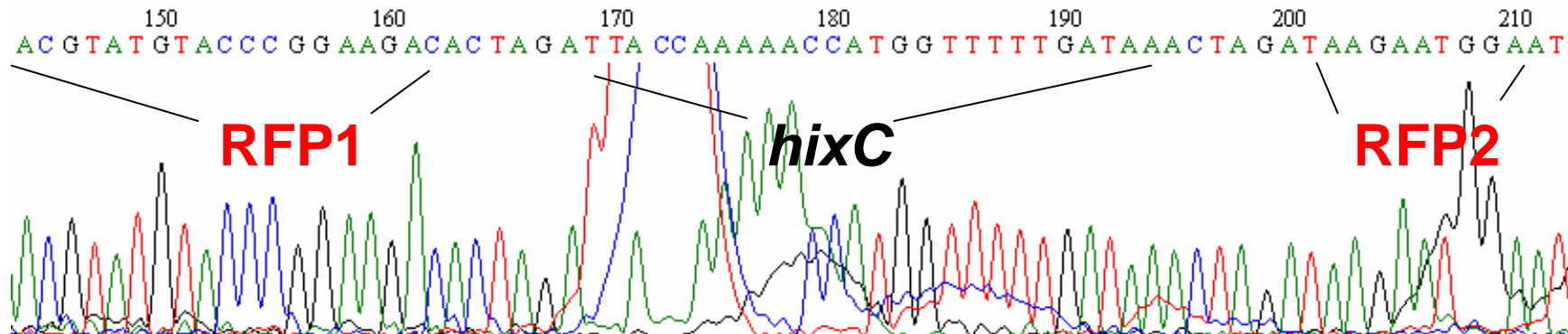
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BAC



↓ **Hin**

Flipped-BAC



Conclusions

- Modeling revealed feasibility of our approach
- GFP and RFP successfully split using *hixC*
- Added 69 parts to the Registry
- HPP problems given to bacteria
- Flipping shown by fluorescence, PCR, and sequence
- Bacterial computers are working on the HPP and may have solved it

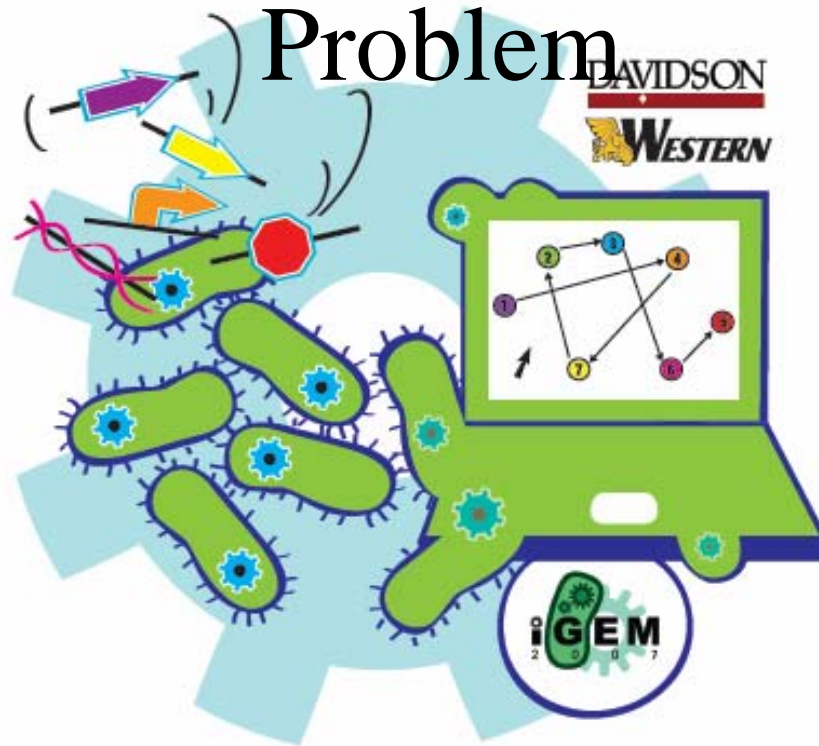
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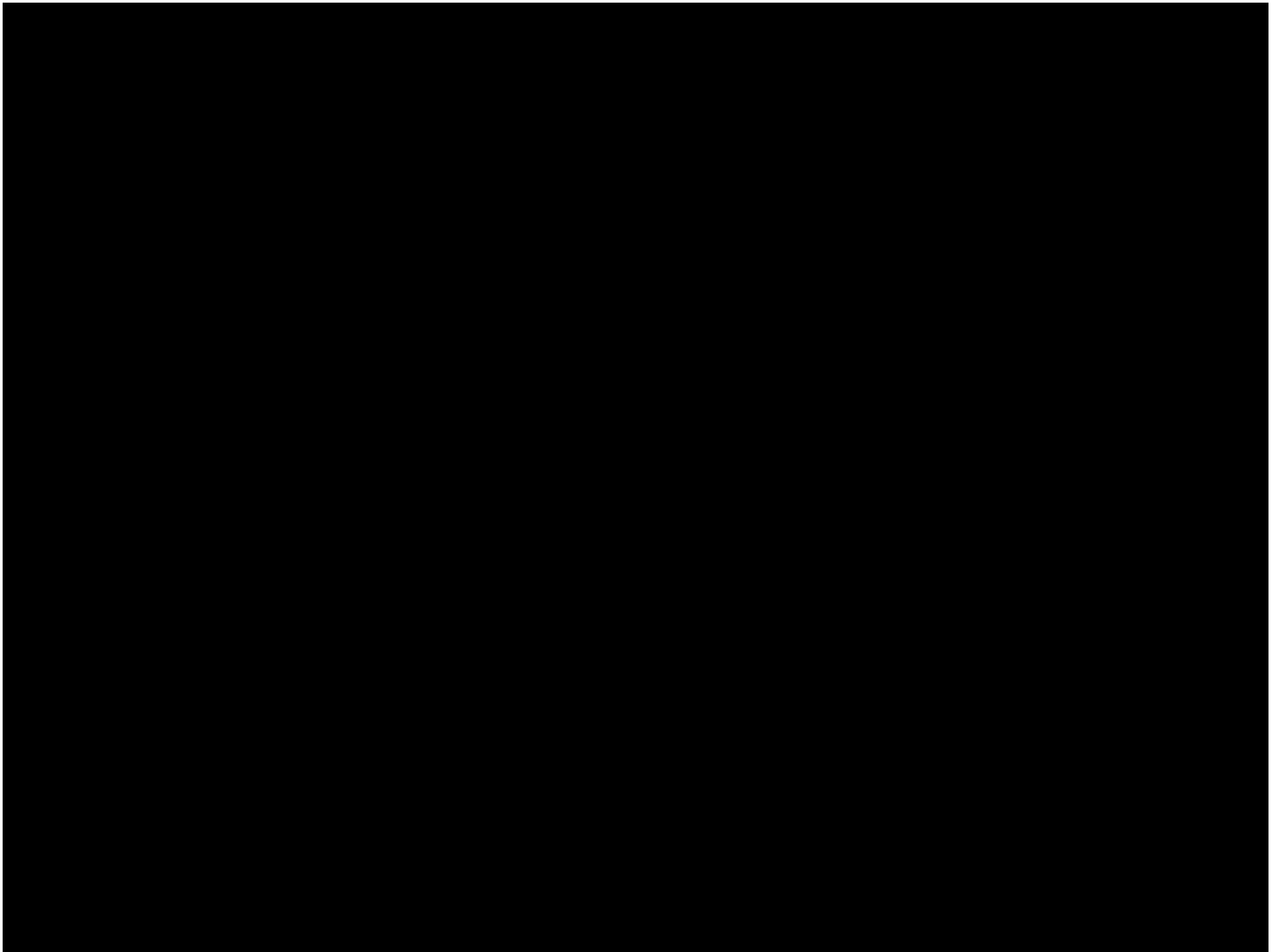
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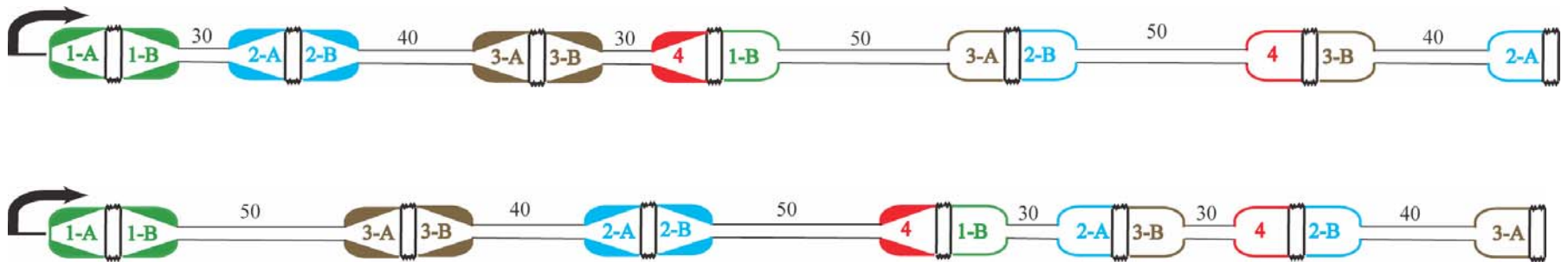
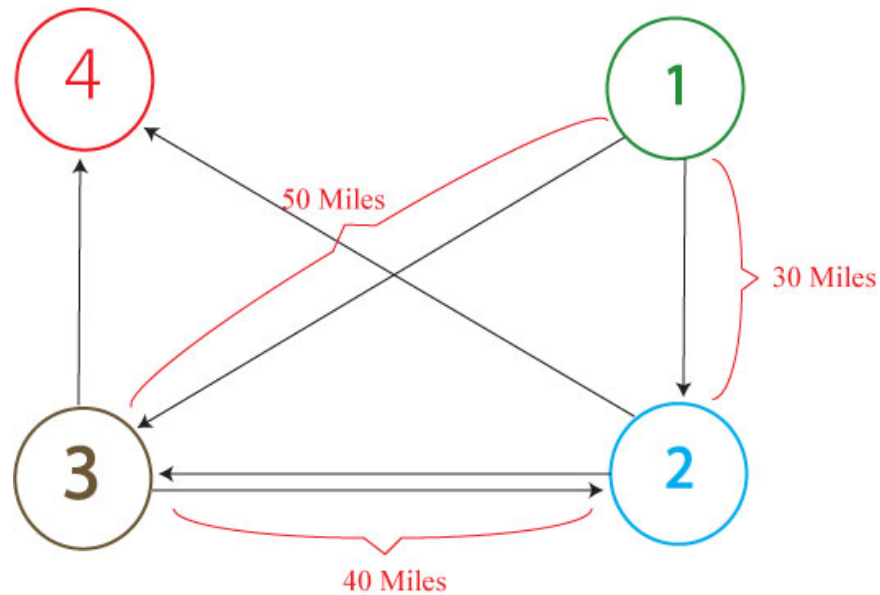


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Extra Slides

Traveling Salesperson Problem



Another Gene-Splitting Method

RBS + ATG -----*hixC*----- 1 bp + Reporter Gene1
Front Half Back Half

RBS + ATG + 1bp -----*hixC*----- Reporter Gene2
Front Half Back Half

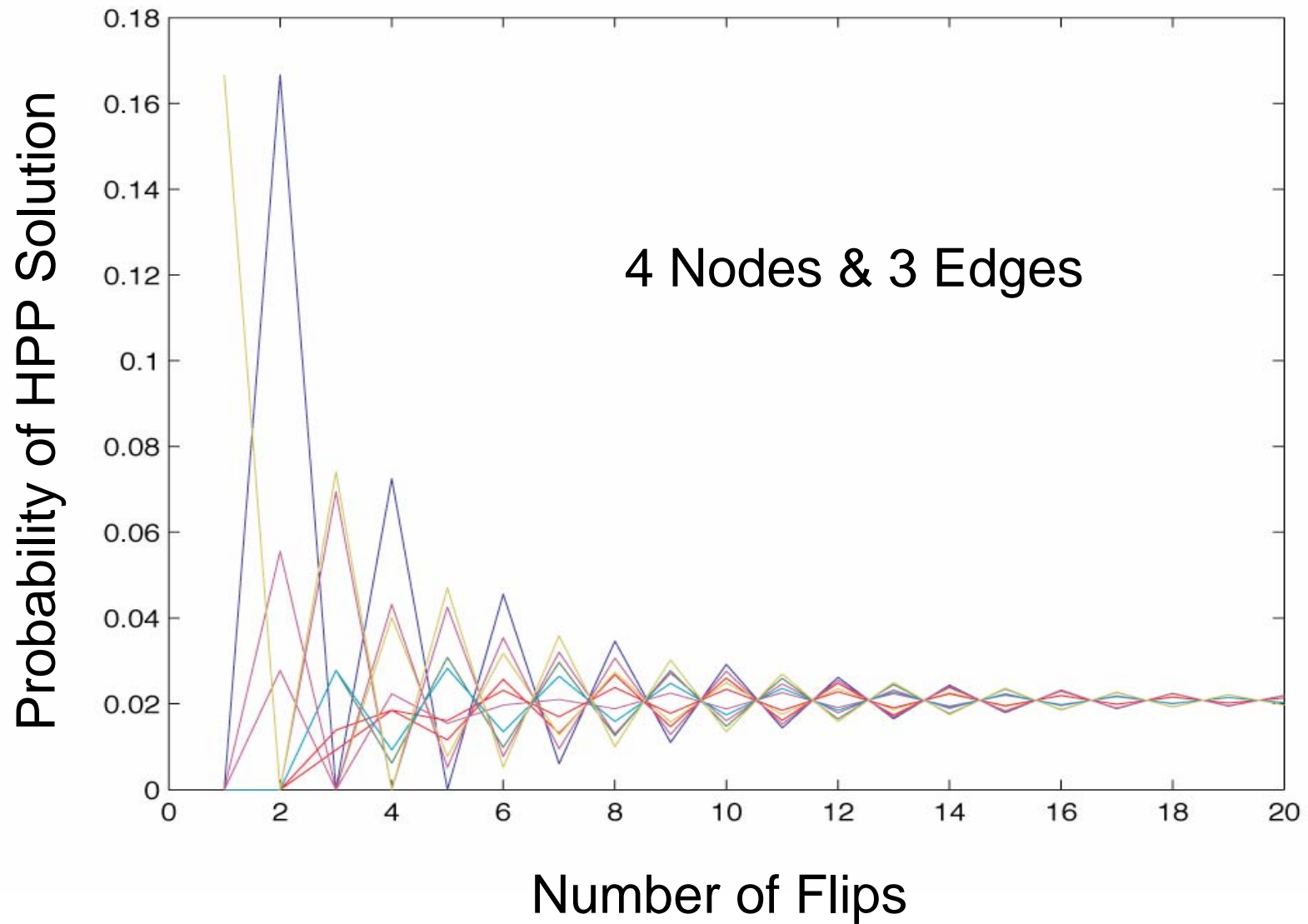
Other Attempts at Gene Splitting

Reporter Gene	Status
Kanamycin Resistance	Failed
Tetracycline Resistance	Failed
Chloramphenicol Resistance	Undetermined (Issues in building)
Cre Recombinase	Undetermined (Issues in testing)

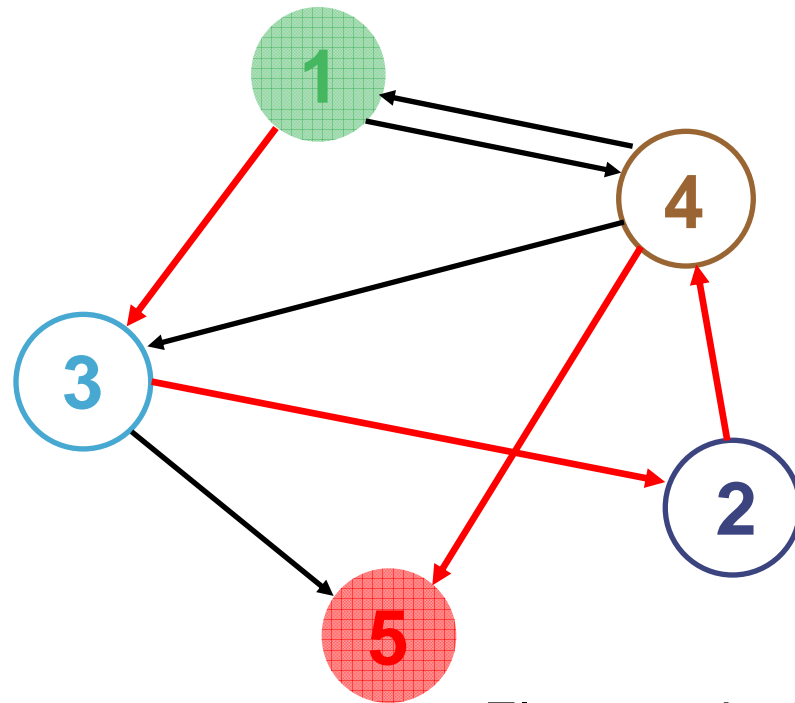
Normalized Fluorescence Measurements

Construct	Observed Color on UV Box	Green (450/515)	Red (560/608)
pLac-RBS-RFP	Red	7	263
pLac-RBS-RFP-RBS-GFP	Red	144	370
pLac-GFP1- <i>hixC</i> -GFP2	Green	136	0
pLac-RBS-RFP1- <i>hixC</i> -RFP2	None	0	147
pLac-RBS-GFP1- <i>hixC</i> -RFP2	None	11	2
pLac-RBS-RFP1- <i>hixC</i> -GFP2	None	13	2
AB (R1- <i>hixC</i> -R2-G1- <i>hixC</i> -G2)	Green	72	18
ABC (R1- <i>hixC</i> -R2-G1- <i>hixC</i> -G2)	Yellow	340	255
ACB (R1- <i>hixC</i> -R2-G1- <i>hixC</i> -R2)	Red	1	143
BAC (R1- <i>hixC</i> -G2)	None	11	3
DBA (R1- <i>hixC</i> -G2)	Hybrid green	15	3

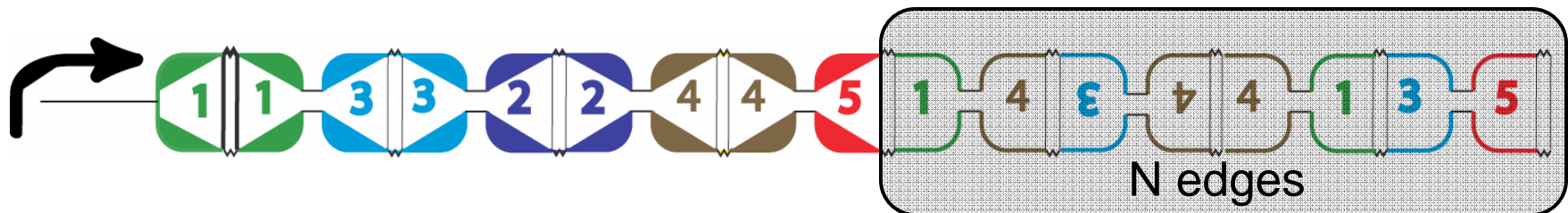
Starting Arrangement



True Positives



Elements in the shaded region can be arranged in any order.



$$\text{Number of True Positives} = N! \cdot 2^N$$